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Damaged car a 'hate crime' *says Brexit voter*

THERE has been a further development following our July 7 report on alleged 'hate crime' in the area, following the EU Referendum.

The article, which included the results of a snap poll of people in Cowbridge, had been in response to a letter to the Editor regarding an incident said to have taken place in the town post-Referendum.

The writer's wife, an EU national, had gone home "in floods of tears" after overhearing comments that 'immigrants' should "get on with it and leave", though he stressed this conversation was not directed at her.

A news release from a Barry councillor had seemed to add weight to the assertion of increased 'hate crime' in the Vale.

However, inquiries to South Wales Police had found this not to be the case. A force spokesman stated: "There has not been a marked increase in (racially-motivated) hate crime linked to Brexit or the EU Referendum in the Vale."

At the time, The GEM received a further statement from Police Superintendent Liane Bartlett, confirming: "We have not seen an increase in hate crime incidents reported to us in the past week" (since the Referendum).

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On a Cowbridge motorist's car door panel someone scratched the word 'STAY', in response to his 'Vote Leave' poster.

'HE'S MY HERO' *says George (10)* as he meets the man who saved his life

by PHILIP IRWIN

A 10-year-old Cowbridge boy who was lapsing into anaphylactic shock, was saved by a Maesteg paramedic – and recently met his "hero' to thank him personally

George Howell attends Y Bont Faen Primary School and has had a difficult few years bravely fighting serious illnesses.

He was prescribed a diet, including mixed nuts to get him back up to strength, and all was going smoothly until he ate a Brazil nut.

This particular nut was later identified as the culprit, but there had been no previous reaction to nuts.

His mother, Helen, said: "George was happily tucking into the bag of nuts when all of a sudden he started stroking his neck.

"He then ran out of the front door, was physically sick and tried drinking water, but nothing seemed to be working. George was breathing very heavily and was having an anaphylactic reaction.

"I phoned 999 and the ambulance service call-taker was excellent. She told me to try and keep George calm and still, gave me some advice and directions and told me to go back to George whilst the paramedic was on his way.

"I tried to get him to take an antihistamine but he couldn't keep it down. His face started to swell and he had a rash of white spots on his neck.

"I comforted George on the settee and it was not long before our 'knight in shining armour' arrived, in the form of Cowbridge paramedic Alex Becker. He was fantastic and knew exactly what to do.

"I honestly don't know what we'd have done without him. He was so good with George and quite honestly if it wasn't for Alex, I dread to think where George would be today."

The events of that day in March 2015 were clearly embedded deep in the Howell family, so much so that some months ago when Helen was shopping in Cowbridge, she came across Alex attending to a patient.

Although George made every effort to run over to meet him, Alex had to leave to attend another call.

It took Helen several months to track Alex down via emails to the Welsh Ambulance Service, but 16 months on from George's emergency, they finally met up when Alex visited him at home.

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ABOVE: Left to right, Alex Becker, George Howell and mum Helen. (Photo by John Howell, George's 15-year-old brother).

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LOW TURN-OUT IN BY-ELECTION:
'Parties should get the message right'

I WRITE with reference to Mr Kemp's recent letter about low turnout in the Rhoose council by-election and would suggest that any combination of the following thoughts may have been in people's minds when they chose not to turn out:

"We had a general election year, Welsh Assembly elections last month, and the EU referendum last week; and now I'm being asked to vote again."

"None of the candidates represents my views."

"I've given up voting, because however I have voted in the past, little or nothing ever improves.

"We all know that career politicians are cut from the same cloth, regardless of the principles they claim to represent. None of them is to be trusted."

"The Vale Council has become a self-serving organisation with a complete disregard for its duty to its residents. It is a waste of time and if I don't vote to return a representative, it may just disappear."

Of course, we should see it as our duty to vote, but I think that canvassers are as much to blame as the public.

There was a time when, on the doorstep, canvassers from all parties would urge us to: *"Use your vote, even if you don't vote for us. Your vote is important."*

It has been nearly 20 years since I have heard this.

Political parties need to be sending the right message, not just the message which best suits them.

Alyson Fairweather, Barry.

'Landscape this unsightly site'

I WAS brought up after the war in a city pock-marked with bomb sites, but these eyesores, abundant with weeds and rubble, gradually disappeared as re-building took place and 70 years later, few signs of wartime bombing remain.

However, looking around from my home on the Barry Waterfront, I am confronted by a great shed-like Asda building, which somehow was granted planning permission.

I don't see its front (for that faces its own car park), but only its weed-infested, look-alike 'bomb site' back!

This mess of mud and stones has been deteriorating for a couple of years and there are no signs of a remedy in sight.

Going online to find out more, does not help. Secrecy regarding future developments prevails and, besides, Barry people will put up with anything, won't they?

Look at the state of the quays.

It is obviously too late to turn the Asda supermarket around so that its 'front' faces Barry town, but surely funds were set aside to landscape this not very beautiful building?

Let these be used now to convert what has become a modern-day bomb-site into an area that properly fits into its outstanding Barry Waterfront surrounds.

Mac Tanner, Barry.

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No hate crimes?
'Tell that to the person who vandalised my car'

I read the report headed 'Councillor's racism allegations not backed in Cowbridge' (The GEM, July 7) on my return from overseas on July 13.

It made interesting reading, particularly as it quoted Liane Bartlett, of South Wales Police, claiming: "We have not seen an increase in hate crime incidents reported to us in the last week"; that may be true but there is one extra one now!

During the period I was away, some individual/s decided to take issue, cowardly, with my beliefs, criminally damaging my vehicle parked in the Town Hall car park.

(GEM NOTE: The letter writer had a 'Vote Leave' sticker on his car, and the word 'STAY' was scratched beneath it on the car's paintwork.)

I am not sure what the latest penalty for 'hate crime' is, but for criminal damage a term of up to 10 years' imprisonment can be applied – obviously, should the perpetrator be identified and convicted – unlikely in this case.

What is sadder for me, however, is that throughout the Referendum process, the Remainers were suggesting that they, the more intellectually-gifted demographic group, wanted to stay – while those less gifted were motivated to leave – hence the voting pattern in Cardiff and the Vale compared to other parts of Wales.

In the case of the vandal/s who damaged my vehicle in a criminal way, while taking issue with my stated belief, their intellectual development has clearly been arrested – but that is their problem.

Our problem, as residents of Cowbridge, is that he/she also challenged any 'safe space' we have to communicate different beliefs to others locally.

Such behaviour is far more serious and exemplifies the slow breakdown of the rule of law, both locally and nationally, exacerbated by the light touch 'policing by passing panda' that more visible and effective policing of our community has been reduced to.

Dr Paul Langmaid CBE, Cowbridge.

Young Brexiteers voted for what was best for them

THE GEM letter on July 7 headed 'Brexit young were led like lemmings' by Steve Whitehead, strongly implies that those who have not had a university education are less intelligent and 'easily led'.

So, how come the Remain group couldn't persuade them to see it their way? Could it be that young Brexiteers should be given more credit for being 'streetwise' in their thinking?

They look around their locality, talk to friends and family. They have taken their own experiences of work and opportunities into account, and voted for what they thought was 'best for them'.

Which is what we all do!

About half of the 'young group' are either in higher education or have completed it, so why didn't it galvanise them to vote Remain?

I find that strange. But there again, I find it strange that the UK has one of the largest economies in the world and yet has foodbanks in the Vale.

Even 'stranger', I find it puzzling that Alun Cairns MP finds it strange that the Valleys voted Leave.

I think he'll find that the Vale and the Valleys are like 'chalk and cheese'.

B Hall, Llantwit Major.

Miners who put principles before own self-interest

BACK in Victorian times, the miners of south Wales were the most intelligent, principled voters in Britain.

Their politics were not shaped by the simple self-interest that motivates angry, confused voters of today, but on their clear vision of social justice for every citizen, a sense of purpose which is not even understood now.

Of course, the destruction of heavy industries has made it more difficult for thoughtful voters to share their thoughts and discover common cause, in the clubs and chapels which they had built.

Politics now is completely splintered between different factions who have no desire to search for the Common Good. That ideal has been murdered by some politicians and the moguls of the national media, in favour of selfish 'individualism', which is easier for them to control.

A society without principles can only travel in one direction, helpless in a free market economy manipulated by advertising gurus and greedy tycoons, towards the mindless, aggressive populism of Donald Trump.

It is a logical development, that complete self-centredness must lead to resentment of everyone else, instead of the collective principles of mutual concern nurtured by Clem Attlee and Ghandi.

C N Westerman, Brynna.

Praise for display

LAST Tuesday, I visited the War Museum exhibition at Barry Island Railway Station. What a joy!

It was so informative and the tour gave an opportunity to see a mock-up of an air raid shelter, a 'model' plate of a week's rations and several other items of interest.

So much research and effort has gone into this project. The two staff members were suitably attired, and very helpful.

If GEM readers haven't seen it, I recommend they do so soon. As a former teacher, it would be good so see schoolchildren there.

Well done!

(Name and address supplied).

Painting reminder of author's tribute to hospital chief

IN the July 7 edition of The GEM, you published an article 'Battle of the Somme – in art' which included a painting captioned '*Care of Wounded Soldiers at Cardiff Royal Infirmary*'.

The painting depicts Lieutenant Colonel David Hepburn, commanding officer of the Third Western General Hospital, visiting wounded soldiers at the King Edward VII hospital – later re-named Cardiff Royal Infirmary – in 1916.

At the time, he was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in Cardiff.

The painting is now at the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Museum in Aldershot, having originally hung in one of the main corridors at CRI.

A detailed biography of Professor Hepburn by the historian Dr Alun Wyn Roberts appears in my book *Blood, Guts and Heroes – a tribute to those doctors from Wales who were involved with the Great War.*

John Jenkins, Miskin.

'Mrs Roberts, you have been amazing'

WITH the recent publication of the amalgamation of Cadoxton Nursery and the shameful removal of the headteacher Mrs Susan Roberts to save money, we feel as a community, no public credit has been given to her excellent leadership.

Mrs Roberts has led the nursery with her staff for 11 years and in our minds, as parents and grandparents, hasn't had the recognition she so deserves.

Under her guidance, the nursery has gone from strength-to-strength.

Without her understanding of the children and families in the area, the nursery wouldn't be what it is today – an excellent one! On hearing families' comments regarding her passion for the nursery and how they felt about the importance of her knowing their children and families so well, often going beyond the call of duty, we felt we had to write.

Mrs Roberts, we applaud you!

You have been a loyal, dedicated head, with a clear vision for the children.

You are caring, compassionate, kind-hearted and loved!

Susan Roberts, on behalf of staff, governors, parents, families and the local community, you have been amazing – thank you!

Cadoxton Nursery supporters.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL JULY 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
21 Thur	08.12	9.7	20.29	9.9
22 Fri	08.51	9.8	21.12	9.9
23 Sat	09.33	9.8	21.54	9.8
24 Sun	10.12	9.7	22.33	9.6
25 Mon	10.55	9.4	23.21	9.4
26 Tues	11.44	9.0		
27 Wed	00.12	8.9	12.39	8.7
28 Thur	01.13	8.5	13.45	8.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Local family pay their own tribute to a Somme veteran

Left to right: Christopher Jones (great-grandson); Raymond Jones (grandson); Major Martin Jones (great-grandson) and Lewis Jones (great-great-grandson).

by PHILIP IRWIN

AMIDST the many formal ceremonies to remember the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, one local family paid their own special tribute.

A cross was planted at Western Cemetery, Cardiff, in honour of Sergeant William Jones, who served at the Somme with the 2nd Battalion the Welsh Regiment.

William also fought at the Battle of Loos, Ypres and the 2nd Passchendaele as a machine gun Platoon Sergeant.

He was a casualty of mustard gas poisoning but was able to see out the War and return to Cardiff.

Although he survived the four years of the 1914-18 campaign, there was tragedy ahead when, in World War Two, William's son, David, was killed at the Battle of Riechwald Forest.

He is buried at the Commonwealth Cemetery at Riechwald in Germany.

The family have a long history with the Welsh Regiment, South Wales Borderers and Royal Regiment of Wales.

William Patrick Jones MM, who was the grandson of William, was awarded a Gallantry Medal, the MM, while serving in the Welch Regiment in Cyprus.

Major Martin Jones MBE (*pictured*) is the great-grandson of William. Martin, who lives in Cowbridge, recently retired from the Royal Welsh Regiment having served as RSM and a Company Commander.

Also pictured is Christopher, also a great-grandson, who served for 22 years in the Royal Regiment of Wales, and Raymond Jones (grandson) and Lewis Jones (great-great-grandson).

Martin said that he and the remainder of the family were very proud of William's outstanding leadership and courage, and it was an honour to be able to remember him at the Centenary of the campaign.

Mari's new novel is 'Book of the Month'

A LOCAL author is celebrating after her new novel was featured as 'Book of the Month' in the Welsh Books Council's July listing.

Mari Griffith, who lives in Llantwit Major, saw her first book *Root of the Tudor Rose* became a best-seller, with over a year in the Amazon 'Top Ten' of its category.

Mari's new book is *The Witch of Eye*, the story of three women who were caught up in the events which led to the most infamous treason trial of the 15th century.

Mari will be talking about her book – and signing copies – at Nickleby's Bookstore, 6, Pound Field, Llantwit Major this evening, Thursday, July 21, at 7.30pm.

It is a free event with refreshments provided, but because of space restrictions, entry is strictly by ticket only. Tickets can be reserved by calling into Nickleby's or by phoning 01446-795166.

YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG PUPILS REVIEW RECENT 'MUST-READS'

Pupils from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Adam Jones, Elis Hughes, Rhiana Lewis, Catrin Lawton, Efan Davies and Taliesin Williams, are pictured with shop staff.

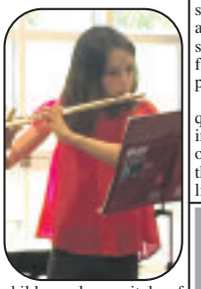
PUPILS from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg have worked with WH Smith's Cowbridge store to read and review some quite exciting new titles in children's fiction.

This summer, WH Smith is working with 50 schools across the UK, asking pupils to give their opinions on the latest children's releases. The reviews are displayed instore to help customers choose.

Both teachers and children have jumped at the chance to take part in the project, with the schools seeing it as a great exercise in reading and writing for the children.

As part of the project, the WH Smith Trust is donating the store's vouchers to each of the participating schools, helping to boost the school's library and teaching resources ahead of the new academic year.

Llancarfan pupils demonstrate their musical prowess



ON July 6, parents were treated to a fabulous musical evening at Llancarfan Primary School.

We are very lucky to have some wonderful peripatetic music teachers who come into school to teach children who have the passion to learn a musical instrument.

This takes commitment and dedication from the students but all their hard work has certainly paid off and parents were invited to school to hear children play recitals of their favourite pieces of music.

They listened to violinists, flautists, guitar, keyboard and piano players and the evening was rounded off with an up-beat performance of 'Razza - Sazza' by the school recorder club.

Parents were impressed and said this was one of our best musical evenings yet. We are very proud that we have such wonderful talent here at Llancarfan, well done to everyone who took part!

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JULY ROUND-UP FROM YSTRADOWEN AND DISTRICT WI

OUR July meeting in the village hall took its usual course of an interesting, fun and very informative evening.

In the absence of president Jan Foyle, the evening was presided over by Shena Sarjeant, who ruled us with an equally firm hand.

The speaker was one of our own – Anita Jones – who took us through her journey from her home in Ystradowen to the Philippines via Abu Dhabi.

In the space of less than 24 hours, she managed not to lose her luggage, attach herself to extremely tall pin-striped besuited male travellers in the firm belief that they were given preferential treatment on the aircraft.

She also managed to jump the queue in the stop-over by claiming infirmity and was transported from one terminal to another by wheelchair, thus overtaking the entire passenger list because, as Anita herself told us, the ground staff seemed relieved to see the back of her.

She had entitled her talk 'Life Lessons' and the airlines can only hope her audience will forget any lessons this seasoned traveller will have taught us.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, there was a general consensus that our magazine, *WI Life*, is vastly improving, and we were given dates of events in which we might like to participate; among these is a 'forest jump', an active day in Swansea involving swimming, sauna, Jacuzzi, gentle exercise and tennis, and our usual local monthly walk.

Who says we are merely Jam and Jerusalem?

We will not be meeting in August and so we wish everyone a pleasant, warm month and look forward to September, when guests and new members will be more than welcome.

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MUSICAL CELEBRATION FOR HORACE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Horace Eales with his two sons, Geoff and Adrian.

Horace and friends posing for a photo.

The birthday cake.

IT was a very special weekend recently for Llantwit Major resident Horace Eales.

On Saturday, July 9, he celebrated his 90th birthday with a party at Bethel Baptist Church Hall in the town.

Over 60 guests joined Horace's family in congratulating him on reaching such a landmark age.

The party began with a varied programme of entertainment including a humorous version of *This is Your Life* in which episodes from Horace's life were sent up.

Music was provided by Horace's son Geoff Eales, the well-known jazz pianist and Matthew Brooke sang a special arrangement of 'Amazing Grace'.

Callum Jones brought the house down with a monologue bemoaning the burdens of old age.

Horace responded to the greetings and good wishes of everyone present, playing several piano items as the afternoon concluded. The ladies of Bethel Baptist served a splendid tea, catered by the Net Café.

A magnificent piano-shaped cake was presented to Horace and £200 was collected for the Christian Blind Mission, a charity dear to Horace and his late wife, Valerie.

On the following Sunday, Horace attended St Donat's Church which held special memories for himself and Val.

The Rev Anthony Beer dedicated a new lectern to the memory of Val. This will have an important part to play in worship services at the ancient church.

Reflecting on his 90-year journey, Horace Eales underlined the importance in his life of his faith, his family and his music.

Still playing as well as ever he remains active in his church life, grateful that despite serious heart problems in his forties, he was able to celebrate a 90th birthday with family and friends.

Report by Robert Smith.

Cardiac charity aims to highlight hidden heart flaws

THE charity Welsh Hearts is part funding a heart screening session in Cowbridge to help prevent deaths from undiagnosed heart conditions in the town.

Welsh Hearts/Calonnau Cymru is providing ECG sessions at Cowbridge Town Hall on Saturday, August 6, from 9am to 4.30pm .

Each screening lasts around 10 minutes and must be pre-booked online in advance.

Every year in the UK thousands of people die from undiagnosed heart problems, including over 600 young people in Wales.

Founded in 2013, Welsh Hearts provide better access to lifesaving defibrillators, CPR training and heart screenings across Wales.

Sharon Owen, founder of Welsh Hearts, said: "These heart screenings really do save lives. Following five screenings across Wales, 14 people have now been referred to a specialist, having been diagnosed with heart conditions, including cardiomyopathy, a hole in heart.

"That's why we fundraise tirelessly to provide these all-important screening sessions. The sessions are open to anyone aged 12–35 years and we urge people to make the most of these sessions while we are in town.

"Many people associate heart problems with older people, but sadly this is not the case. In Wales we lose hundreds of young people to undiagnosed heart conditions each year.

"It is not acceptable and we want to stop it, which is why our charity is dedicated to promoting and protecting heart health in Wales."

An ECG, or electrocardiogram, is a pain-free, non-invasive screening that will identify most cardiac abnormalities, helping the conditions to be managed and preventing unnecessary deaths.

Welsh rugby star Ian Gough became a patron for Welsh Hearts following his own heart scare last year. The former Ospreys player was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation – an irregular and abnormally fast heart rate – following a heart screening in early 2016.

The diagnosis allowed treatment so it can be managed in the future.

To book a heart screening with Welsh Hearts, visit www.welshhearts.org/screenings or call 02920 647735 if you do not have online access.

Getting wired up for the ECG test.

A week of celebrations for Doreen Rowlands' 100th birthday!

Doreen Rowlands with her birthday message from the Queen.

DOREEN'S special week began at the RVS Monday lunch club where Cowbridge with Llanblethian mayor, Coun Elizabeth George, presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The arrival of that important royal greeting provided the perfect start to the big day itself and the sun shone for the afternoon tea party with family and friends.

An unexpected finale on Friday was a special lunch at the Hafod Day Centre at the Gathering Place, St Athan, with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band providing music and a rendition of 'Happy Birthday'.

AMs praise work of music makers in Cowbridge

PICTURED (left to right): Mrs Kate Whitestone, Dr Sarah Miles, Carwyn Jones AM and Jane Hutt AM.

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones and Vale AM Jane Hutt recently visited 'With Music in Mind' in Cowbridge.

'With Music in Mind' is a Community Interest Company based in south Wales which runs singing groups for people over 50. The group is open to anyone over 50 looking for a supportive, fun and integrative group where singing ability is not a prerequisite.

The group is particularly beneficial to those at risk of social isolation, loneliness, or worsening physical or mental health.

The AMs said that group singing has been shown to have a wealth of benefits including reducing stress, increasing confidence and improving wellbeing. With increasing levels of social isolation and loneliness founders, Dr Sarah Miles and Kate Whitestone wanted to provide a service that helped to reduce these risks early.

The group in Cowbridge was set up in September 2015 and both AMs have constituents who are regular members. Many group members enjoy the routine of attending the group on a weekly basis and really look forward to it.

Others say that being part of the group is simply a joy and that people can forget about their troubles and go home with the feeling of wellbeing still with them. As well as an hour of singing, there are also refreshments and a further hour of social activities chosen by the group members.

Carwyn Jones said: "It was great to visit 'With Music in Mind' to see the brilliant work that they do and to see the positive impact that they have on the individuals who are part of the group.

"As one group member said to me 'there is no better way to encompass one's feelings than with music.' The group sang a number of songs from a Beatles number to songs from the musicals such as *Les Misérables* and *My Fair Lady*. I really enjoyed listening to them.

"Through this group, people can come together in a relaxed and informal environment and take part in a range of singing and other activities whilst forging new bonds. In short, people can sing, socialise and have fun while regaining their confidence and improving their well-being".

Jane Hutt said: "It was wonderful to meet organisers and members of 'With Music in Mind'– a fantastic and supportive community group showcasing the uplifting and important role of music in our lives".

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Llangan School celebration

ON Thursday of last week, I joined members of the children's families for the concert and presentation of the many awards the children had won.

Harry Jones received the Mary Noyes Good Citizen cup. Sports Personality – Danielle Roach and Amelia Burt. Joan Astley, the Musician Award; Repie Thomas and Isabelle turner, Rotary Good Citizen award went to Daniel Evans. The Elizabeth Madge Eco-award went to Meredith Stevens and Pupil of the Year was Evan O'Connor.

Congratulations to all the recipients of these awards and to the children who did not quite succeed. Work a little harder and success will come!

On July 18 Llangan School pupils enjoyed an afternoon of sport. On July 19 the school closed for the summer holiday and a sad goodbye to deputy headteacher Luke Chater, who will be leaving Llangan School to take a post as headteacher in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

Saron Chapel

THE service held in Saron on Sunday, July 17 was attended by many local residents; each member received a membership card from Rev Robin Samuel. Perhaps because the sun shone in all its glory following so many days of rain, everyone appeared to be in a happy mood.

Important information

THE heart defibrillators are now installed and working on the outside of Treoes and Llangan village halls, and the community councils are looking at getting additional defibrillators for the centres of both villages.

A very important issue: Llangan Community Council's speed watch

IN an attempt to reduce the speeding through our village, we are going to start a 'speed watch' campaign in conjunction with South Wales Police.

These schemes are proven to reduce speeding through the villages and also help gain speed reducing measures for villages.

We are looking for volunteers to assist councillors and give just a few hours from time to time to the operation of the scheme. You will be given full training and will be instrumental in our goal to help reduce speed and make our villages a safer place.

If any of the readers of my weekly report are able to help and would like to take part, please contact the clerk of the Llangan Community Council on 01446 761107.

Mike's locomotive film goes off the rails during a BBC broadcast

by TIM CHAPMAN

G E M photographer Mike Wilcock, who lives in Llanblethian, runs a very successful YouTube video channel featuring his own classic railway films – and last week, one of them made national headlines.

Mike Wilcock.

So far Mike has had 943,000 hits on You Tube and he thinks he will pass the 1,000,000 mark later this year.

He said: "A production company called Plum Pictures contacted me because they had seen my YouTube channel and wanted to use some of my film for the BBC 4 series 'Trainspotting Live'.

"It was broadcast on BBC 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last week.

"They were live at stations like Didcot, Stafford and Clapham Junction."

But the BBC got a little mixed up.

As Mike explained: "Peter Snow announced a live shot of some class 66 locomotives and they put my film on, but it wasn't live; it was obviously recorded."

Eagle-eyed railway enthusiasts spotted that footage of the eight-strong loco convoy at Bishton flyover near Newport was identical to a video Mike put up on YouTube on February 15.

In The Sun and The Telegraph, railway enthusiasts were quick to point out the BBC's howler. In fact, the story made The Sun's front page.

On the whole, however, Mike is not complaining about the BBC's series.

He said: "The good thing was that it brought railway enthusiasts into the 21st century, demonstrating that it's now about video cameras and mobile phones, not trainspotters in anoraks with notebooks."

Police appeal for information following collision in Wyndham Street, Ogmore Vale

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information following a road traffic collision which occurred in Ogmore Vale on Thursday, July 14.

At approximately 7.20pm, two vehicles – a Citroen Saxo and a Citroen Picasso – were in a head-on collision as they travelled along Wyndham Street. Six people were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward, and would especially like the occupants of a blue vehicle which was travelling in front of the Citroen Saxo in the moments leading up to the incident to make contact.

Anybody who witnessed the collision, or who may have seen the manner in which either car was being driven prior to the collision, is asked to contact 101 quoting reference *264535.

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Judge tells local man (21): *'This is your last chance'*

A YOUNG man who dishonestly handled a stolen electric scooter following a burglary at an address in Barry told the police a "cock and bull story" concerning the crime, said a judge at Cardiff Crown Court, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

Bradley McCann (21) had been convicted by magistrates of handling the stolen property and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

McCann, formerly of Port Road, Barry, but who had recently moved to the Adamsdown area of Cardiff, was also in breach of a 16-month suspended sentence imposed for offences of burglary and theft.

Prosecutor Heath Edwards said McCann came into possession of a motor scooter worth £100 following a burglary in the Barry area. McCann posted it for sale on the internet for £40.

The owner saw the advertisement and contacted the police, who interviewed McCann. He said he had bought it for £40 and suspected it had been stolen.

Mr Edwards said the burglary took place two years ago in the Maesglas area of Barry when McCann stole the keys of the owner's car and drove it away.

He was said to have previous convictions for taking a vehicle without consent, aggravated vehicle taking, shoplifting and possessing cannabis.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said McCann was an unsophisticated offender who didn't know for certain that the vehicle had been stolen. Mr Sharp added that McCann now found his liberty being threatened.

He urged the judge not to impose an immediate sentence, but to allow him to remain in the community.

Judge Geraint Walters said McCann had told the police a "cock and bull story". He added that McCann was still only 21, and already he had been convicted on a number of occasions by the courts.

"The most serious was the dwelling house burglary."

He said McCann would have been told that if he breached the order, he would be sent to prison.

"That is what the law says, and only in exceptional circumstances can the court draw back."

Said the judge: "I'm not convinced you completely accept all guilt in relation to the scooter. You told a cock and bull story and I must tell you judges are not completely naive, and you could not blame me if I sent you down.

"You have never suffered a sentence of imprisonment, but you are getting increasingly close. Treat this as your last chance."

He was sentenced to a community order for one year involving an electronically-tagged curfew for three months from 9pm to 6am and to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work. He was also fined £100 for the breach of the suspended sentence.

HOPE FROM THE SKIES... and a day out on the Avon

THE Wales Air Ambulance was the subject of the July meeting of Cowbridge U3A.

The guest speaker, who identified himself as "Dan the Man", had the audience captivated as the story of the helicopter ambulance service in Wales unfolded. There was an extended questions session at the end of the talk as the interest level had been so high.

There are three bases in Wales: Llanelli; Welshpool; and Caernarfon, with a fourth due to become operational next month at the heliport in Cardiff Bay. This coverage ensures that anywhere within the principality is within a 20-minute flight time.

The service's motto is 'Saving Time, Saving Lives' – and its aims are to prevent the patient's condition deteriorating, to promote recovery and to provide an effective journey to the most appropriate hospital, which may not necessarily be in Wales.

Since its inception, there have been 24,000 missions, with the current rate of responses to 'Category 1 Red emergencies' (i.e. life-threatening) being around 2,000 per year.

The helicopters can operate in any conditions, apart from when there is lightning, in gale-force winds, in blizzard conditions and at night.

A quarter of missions are to deal with the aftermath of road traffic collisions, where the air ambulance is often, because of the ensuing road congestion, the best means of removing casualties. If there has been a serious incident, the helicopter is ideal for accessing cliffs, beaches, areas of rough terrain, mountains and motorways.

Where the response time of a land ambulance could be an hour or more, especially if roads are impassable because of traffic jams or inclement weather, the helicopter's is only 10-12 minutes.

The current machines are Eurocopter 135s, designed specifically for the crew to attend to a patient in flight.

They carry the most modern medical technology and a supply of blood. Next-generation air ambulances will have night vision capability.

Agreements are in place for neighbouring air ambulance units – there are more than 30 now in England and Wales – to provide cover if all an area's helicopters are operational.

Wales Air Ambulance, with operating costs of £6 million per year, is a registered charity supported wholly by public donations. Money is raised through the 'Lifesaving Lottery', legacies, special fundraising events and the charity shops throughout Wales.

The audience was informed that, if a red air ambulance was seen in the air, it was almost certainly on a life-saving mission.

It was appropriate, therefore, that as the author of this article was travelling home through Pontyclun shortly after the talk, a red helicopter flew across the sky.

The Wales Air Ambulance – a very worthwhile cause to support.

Next meeting: the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, August 3. www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

SPM

DURING a period of very unsettled weather, by luck we at Cowbridge U3A had chosen the only fine day of the week, Thursday, July 14 for our day out to Bristol.

All told, 39 of us left Cowbridge by coach in time to be at Bristol's Floating Harbour, right by Brunel's *SS Great Britain*, the first iron steamer to cross the Atlantic, for our boat trip at 11am. We had booked a three-hour cruise on board the *Silver Salmon*, run by Avon River Cruises, which took us through the floating harbour, out along the Avon canal, and upstream on the tidal river Avon as far as Hanham.

It was especially pleasant and relaxing on a warm sunny day to spend time on the open-air bow area, just watching the world go by. Those who knew Bristol well were interested in the new harbourside developments.

We were all captivated by the number and variety of craft in the harbour, due to its being the start of Bristol's Harbour Festival the following day, and we were amazed at how quickly we glided out of the city into a peaceful green environment, getting incredibly close to a heron fishing in the water's edge.

We disembarked back at the *SS Great Britain* in the early afternoon, and we split into groups to do different things. The walking fraternity among us went on a ramble of just over five miles, which took us alongside the harbour and into the Avon Gorge before climbing up to and then across Brunel's world-famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, returning via Leigh Woods and the Avon Trail.

Others took the open-top bus tour of the city. Certain members had come on the trip expressly to visit the *SS Great Britain*, while the 'M Shed' museum of Bristol also proved a popular choice.

By the end of the afternoon, most of us had gathered at the outside seating area of the dockyard café, watching the flotilla now arriving on the high tide from the Bristol Channel, for the Harbour Festival.

Some of our members identified actors Prunella Scales and Timothy West with their canal barge among them, accompanied by TV cameras.

For details of our activities, visit our website: u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge VEM

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‘New build’ visit for local school

THERE was a excitement and at Llantwit Major Comprehensive in the last week of term as pupils from all year groups were given the opportunity to visit the school’s new build.

Much work is being undertaken over the summer to ensure the car park is ready for September and the building remains scheduled for completion in February 2017.

New Barry Island access road is set to open this week

Couns Moore and King survey the progress of the new road.

A SECOND route to Barry Island’s Harbour View car park and an exit from the resort itself is set to be opened this week.

The new Barry Waterfront link road connects the popular seaside resort with the nearby Waterfront housing development.

The new road will be in use from Friday, July 22 and will provide an alternative route by which cars can travel away from the resort during the busy summer holiday period, as well as one by which they can enter and exit the Harbour Road car park.

Construction of the new road, initially not due to be completed until 2018, was brought forward as a result of a collaborative agreement between the Vale Council and the Waterfront Development Consortium.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: “The council has been working hard to see a new road link established to and from Barry Island for many years Our goal has always been to make it easier for residents and visitors to get to and from Barry Island at peak times.

“With the busiest time of year for the resort just around the corner, we have negotiated to get us to a point where the new road can be opened in time for the summer holidays, while still allowing the development of the surrounding area to continue.

“The new road will allow entry into the Harbour Road car park from both the Island Causeway, as well as to and from the Waterfront development.

“However, the exit from the car park will be restricted to travel towards the Waterfront,” Coun Moore explained.

Tons of support for the Vale foodbank

TESCO customers in the Vale recently donated more than 3,626.5kg of food for the Vale foodbank.

The collection, which took place in stores at Port Road, Barry and Penarth, was supported by members of the Rotary Club of Barry, foodbank staff, and employees of the supermarkets.

TWO SITES IN BARRY IDENTIFIED

New council houses in the Vale will be the first for 17 years

THE Vale Council plans to build the first new council-owned housing in the county for 17 years.

A total of £3million has been budgeted for the building of new homes in 2016 and 2017.

Two sites in Barry have been identified.

Plans were agreed at a meeting of the council’s cabinet on July 11 that could see construction soon under way on two developments of new homes for families who have children with disabilities in Barry.

Coun Bronwen Brooks, the cabinet member responsible for housing, said: “Building new council housing has long been an aspiration of this administration. Now, after a huge amount of work, I am delighted to say that we are in a position to deliver this.

“We know that the Vale needs more affordable housing and more homes for those living with a disability. This is what we will be providing as part of this scheme.

“These new developments will provide homes to those in very real need, who have in some cases been waiting for a long time. They will make a very real difference to the lives of our residents and I believe will mark a significant change in the way this council works to tackle housing issues in the Vale.”

Plans for the new homes, to be built on land near to Holm View and Francis Road in Barry, are currently being finalised. It is expected that applications for planning permission will be submitted in the coming weeks.

A local information event has taken place at the Holm View Community Enterprise Centre and local residents will have a further opportunity to view the plans and share any comments before the final plans are submitted for consideration.

If planning permission is granted construction work at Francis Road could start on site as soon as September 2016.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Meet the author

MEET author Mari Griffith at Nickleby’s Bookstore, 6 Pound Field, Llantwit Major today, (July 21) at 7.30pm.

She will be talking about her book *The Witch of Eye* – and signing copies. This is a free event with refreshments, but because of space restrictions, entry is by ticket only. Calling into Nickleby’s or telephone 01446-795166 to reserve a place.

The novel is The Welsh Books Council’s featured Book of the Month for July, following her first book, Root of the Tudor Rose.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening club will be on Thursday, July 28 at 2.15pm when members will visit two local gardens and have tea.

If you have not already signed up, contact 01446 773322 by Monday, July 25 for further details.

Glamorgan Quilters

THE 35th anniversary exhibition event takes place on Friday and Saturday, July 29-30 from 11am-4pm at United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge CF71 7AQ.

The Cutting Edge textile group also hold a World War 1 quilt exhibition on July 29-30 (11am-4pm) at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

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AMs praise the work of Music in Mind group

ABOVE, left to right: Mrs Kate Whitestone, Dr Sarah Miles, Carwyn Jones AM and Jane Hutt AM.

WALES' First Minister and AM for Bridgend, Carwyn Jones and Vale AM Jane Hutt, recently visited 'With Music in Mind' in Cowbridge.

'With Music in Mind' is a Community Interest Company based in south Wales which runs singing groups for people over 50. The group is open to anyone over 50 looking for a supportive, fun and integrative group where singing ability is not a prerequisite.

The group is particularly beneficial to those at risk of social isolation, loneliness, or worsening physical or mental health.

The AMs said that group singing has been shown to have a wealth of benefits including reducing stress, increasing confidence and improving wellbeing. With increasing levels of social isolation and loneliness founders, Dr Sarah Miles and Kate Whitestone wanted to provide a service that helped to reduce these risks early.

The group in Cowbridge was set up in September 2015 and both AMs have constituents who are regular members. Many group members enjoy the routine of attending the group on a weekly basis and really look forward to it.

Others say that being part of the group is simply a joy and that people can forget about their troubles and go home with the feeling of wellbeing still with them. As well as an hour of singing, there are also refreshments and a further hour of social activities chosen by the group members.

Carwyn Jones said: "It was great to visit 'With Music in Mind' to see the brilliant work that they do and to see the positive impact that they have on the individuals who are part of the group.

"As one group member said to me 'there is no better way to encompass one's feelings than with music.' The group sang a number of songs from a Beatles number to songs from the musicals such as *Les Misérables* and *My Fair Lady*. I really enjoyed listening to them.

"Through this group, people can come together in a relaxed and informal environment and take part in a range of singing and other activities whilst forging new bonds. In short, people can sing, socialise and have fun while regaining their confidence and improving their well-being".

Jane Hutt said: "It was wonderful to meet organisers and members of 'With Music in Mind'– a fantastic and supportive community group showcasing the uplifting and important role of music in our lives".

Collection is modelled at Boverton WI

AT our meeting on July 14, Boverton WI was pleased to welcome two new visitors, Wendy and Ann.

There was a presentation by Sarah Jane and Kelsie, personal shoppers for John Lewis, who explained the free service offered to customers who needed help in choosing items for special occasions, or their individual life style.

There followed 20 examples of a capsule collection which were modelled by Kelsie and our own Diane.

The importance of a well-fitted bra was stressed. We all thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and the vote of thanks was given by Jeannie.

The competition for a vintage handbag was won by Pat Lerner and the raffles by Pat Baker and Jean Butler.

There will be a trip to Tredegar House and gardens on August 11.

Our next meeting is on September 8. ***LG***

Fun at the flicks!

WELL, not so much at the cinema as at the library in Llantwit Major – but it's not so very different.

Last month's film club choice was *Mr Holmes*, the highly-acclaimed film about the declining years and abilities of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective, with Ian McKellen in the title role.

"It was popular with the large audience that gathered in the library to watch it," a spokesperson reports.

"The next film night, is on Tuesday, August 2 at 7.30pm. More detailed information can be obtained from the library on 01446 792700.

"Admission is by ticket ; call at the library to secure your place....and, since it's summer, there could just be some ice-cream on offer, too! "

Primary school pupils take colourful step back in time

Class 1 – mermaids v pirates!

Class 2 carnival!

RECENTLY, St Nicholas C/W Primary School was transformed into a theatre of colour and sound, with colourful costumes, amazing acting and sensational singing being the order of the day.

The theme of the concert involved four children, now in their 70s, travelling back 60 years to revisit the wonderful times they had in their primary school, recalling their memories and happy times from each class they were in.

Class One's memories involved a pirates v mermaids montage of song and dance. Class 2 created a carnival of colour, movement and dance. Class 3 performed a Roman ceremony for Julius Ceasar, involving music, gymnastics and dance, complemented by hilarious Roman jokes.

Finally, Class 4 performed their own Tudor *XFactor* based on the dramas of Henry VIII and his six wives. The children transformed themselves into Nick Grimshaw, Cheryl Cole, Rita Ora and Simon Cowell and their performance had the audience howling with laughter.

Mrs Wallis, who helped put it all together stated: "It was brilliant to see every child in the school expressing their talent and saying their own special goodbye to year-6. We have a really talented bunch of children at St Nicholas."

The concert ended with the year-6 singing a personalised version of 'Don't Stop Believing', which led to an emotional outpouring of elation and emotion.

Headteacher Mrs Harris proudly stated "What an asset these wonderful year-6 children have been to the school and what a perfect ending this had been to their primary school years."

She also wished them every success for the future.

Report written by Jason Downey.

BATTLE OF MAMETZ WOOD IS REMEMBERED

British Legion standards.

Band of the Royal Welsh at Thiepval.

by PHILIP DAVIES

ON Thursday, July 7, a significant number of people from the Vale joined with a congregation of more than 800 to commemorate the battle of Mametz Wood, on the Somme, where during a period of five days in 1916 4,000 Welshmen were killed or wounded.

This event was the Welsh National Act of Commemoration and Reconciliation for 2016.

The service organised by the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association(WFA) and supported by the Welsh government was led by the most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales. Music was provided by the band of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Welsh Regiment and the Treorchy Male Choir.

In a very moving service, readings were given by the First Minister Carwyn Jones, Lieutenant General Jonathon Riley, Marietta Crichton-Stuart, Sir Deian Hopkin, and Philip Davies of the WFA.

The service was attended by leaders of the political parties in the National Assembly, Andrew RT Davies, Leanne Wood and Neil Hamilton, who laid wreaths on behalf of the Welsh people as did local French political leaders, including Madame Odile Bureau representing the prefet de Peronne and the mayor of Mametz, Stephan Brunel.

After the service, wreaths were handed to the wreath layers by pupils from St Cyres School and members of the North Wales Army Cadets.

Pride of place was given to the families of men who had fought and died at Mametz, one family travelling from Australia and another from Canada.

John Lougher laid a wreath on behalf of NFU Cymru and Jackie Lougher of St Athan laid a wreath on behalf of Pte Bertie Jenkins of St Athan, who was killed in the wood and who has no known grave.

Following the service, the villagers of Mametz laid on a Champagne reception for the many visitors. In the evening a wonderful concert was given to an appreciative audience by the Treorchy Male Choir in the Basilica of Notre Dame des Brebieres in Albert.

On subsequent days, poppies and Welsh flags were laid on the grave of each Welsh soldier killed in the battle in three nearby cemeteries.

A service was also held at the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, where the names of 751 Welsh soldiers killed at Mametz Wood and who have no known graves are commemorated.

Walk on the mild side for Noah's Ark

NOAH'S ARK Children's Hospital charity holds its fundraising walk on Sunday, September 18.

The day begins at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff at 10.45am with a Zumba session to warm up before the walk – either three or 10 kilometres – from 11am.

Walkers are invited to wear fancy dress, although a T-shirt will be given to each person who registers. Registration is £5 per person.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Remember the heroes who put charity before self'

Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

ON Friday, I had the pleasure of meeting representatives from Breast Cancer Now and the Brain Tumour Charity, to hand over the sponsorship money so kindly donated by local people to support my London Marathon effort.

I am always struck by the selflessness and decency of those who choose to commit so much time and effort to good causes, and the staff and volunteers I met from both charities were no exception.

I run the marathon once a year to raise money for charity, it is of course difficult and the training can be tough, but it is ultimately an activity that I enjoy.

The race pits me against my Westminster colleagues and I am pleased to say that for the last two years I have finished as the fastest MP.

I am in awe, however, of those who raise money week in, week out, rain or shine – through hard work that cannot always be fun or competitive.

I have the privilege of working with various local charities in my role as the Vale MP, and see first-hand the tireless dedication and goodness of people in our communities who do their utmost to help others struggling in a range of circumstances.

Unceasing volunteers like Barry's Susan Borges, who fundraises for Marie Curie, maintaining their hospiccare and for the Brian Tumour Charity, helping them to continue developing treatments.

I have spent time with those who volunteer for PDSA, helping pets whose owners cannot afford medical treatment and with Macmillan coffee morning hosts who do so much to support those suffering with cancer.

The impact of their work is heart-warming to witness. I know many in the constituency who have suffered with severe illnesses, benefiting directly from the work of charities, in terms of personal support and indirectly through access to treatments that would be unavailable without charitable research funding.

And I will always remember Champ, the friendly golden Labrador, who would have faced an early death if it had not been for the medical attention he received from the PDSA while I was visiting their Holton Road branch in Barry.

There is an army in our communities, made up of ordinary men and women, who with cheerfulness and steely determination are improving our lives without direction from government.

Their constant efforts benefit us all, and although we may sometimes criticise the practices of certain charities, we must never forget to be grateful to those who are committing their energy to a greater good.

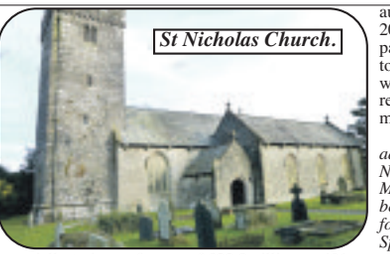
None of their fundraising work would be possible without the deep generosity and kindness of the people of this country who do not fail to give profusely to good causes. I have been humbled by this deep well of compassion myself, with over £7,500 given in sponsorship for this year's marathon bid.

If you know of any charities whose work within the Vale of Glamorgan you would like me to promote, or if you would like to suggest a charity for me to fundraise for as part of my 2017 London Marathon attempt, please contact me on alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.

Keep up the good work!

VALE CHURCH RECEIVES FUNDS FOR ROOF REPAIRS

St Nicholas Church in the Vale will benefit from £92,200 and other fundraising grants of £36,500, making a total of £128,700 – to address urgent roofing and associated repair works.



St Nicholas Church.

St Nicholas Church Parish Council applied for the grant through the Government-funded 'Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund'.

St Nicholas Church, a grade II listed building, has pre-Norman origins and been the centre of worship for the community for many hundreds of years.

The church plays a very active part in the life of the community through weekly worship, services for special occasions, local school services, regular social events and a ministry to visitors and tourists visiting the village which is near the National Trust's Dyffryn Gardens.

The church needs urgent renovation especially to its roof with the last quinquennial inspection in 2014 identifying the roof coverings as in 'poor condition' and the failure of which is causing damage internally.

This money will ensure the roof covering is renewed and the church is watertight and safe for everybody to use.

The completion of this project would represent a significant achievement for the community, in securing its future and realising long-term plans for exploring alternative uses.

This money is part of a wider funding package of £22.9million to 401 historic places of worship across the UK. The fund was launched by the Chancellor in his autumn statement in lat 2014 and the funding package has now seen a total of 903 places of worship across the UK receive a share of £55 million.

The fund is administered by the National Heritage Memorial Fund on behalf of the Department for Culture Media and Sport.

A full list of awards across the UK can be found at www.gov.uk/dcms or www.lpowroof.org.uk

Evening 'shout' for RNLI crew

THE volunteer crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station was called out to help the crew of a yacht that was taking on water on the coast close to St Donats.

The call came just after 8.45pm on Tuesday, July 12 and crew lost no time in making their way to the stricken yacht. When they reached the casualty, a lifeboat crewman was put on board the yacht to help the crew assess the situation.

It was quickly realised that an issue with the engine was causing the problem.

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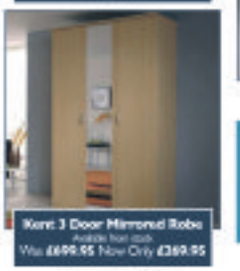

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SAFER VALE OPEN DAY PROMISES FUN FOR ALL

SAFER Vale, in conjunction with South Wales Police and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, will hold an open day for the public at Barry Fire Station this Saturday (July 23).

The partnership is pulling out all the stops to showcase the fascinating work of all three blue-light services and the day promises to be fun-filled for all the family. Police dogs and horses will be there in support of police officers and firefighters who are lining-up a full programme of demonstrations.

There will also be face painting, a bouncy castle, a rodeo bull, arts and crafts, glitter tattoos, and a real hands-on reptile zone for people to get up close and personal to snakes, lizards and lots more.

Inspector Naomi Drew from Safer Vale, said:

"We are all very excited about the event – it is one of the best yet with an amazing line up of displays and activities."

The event – which is supported by Bro Radio – will start at 11am and end at 4pm; and entrance is free.

There will be a number of parking spaces for disabled drivers directly outside the fire station, but all other parking will be at Barry Comprehensive School which is directly opposite the venue.

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Police seize drugs and make arrests in big operation

POLICE arrested 14 people and seized drugs from a number of addresses during a day-long police operation across Bridgend and the Vale on Wednesday, July13.

Officers forced their way into four properties under the Misuse of Drugs Act and arrested suspects during the day of action called Operation Violet Oman.

Addresses in Porthcawl and in the Wildmill area of Bridgend were searched for drugs by specially trained teams.

The police say twenty cannabis plants were seized in total from addresses in Church Place and St David's Way, Porthcawl.

One person linked to the Church Place address was given a caution, whereas two people linked to St David's Way were charged with possessing controlled drugs and being concerned in the supply of class B drugs.

Another woman was arrested for allegedly possessing heroin by officers patrolling Bridgend town centre.

Police also arrested six suspects for offences which occurred in the Vale, Bridgend, and Maesteg, and who were wanted by police in connection with offences including assault, harassment, theft and public order.

The first warrant was executed at approximately 7am and activity continued through the day.

Nearly 40 police officers and PCSOs were involved in the operation including neighbourhood policing officers, mounted officers, specialist search teams, police dogs and dog handlers, traffic officers and crime prevention officers.

Inspector Melanie Knight, said: "The operation was about sending a message that we will pursue those involved in criminal activity and act on the information the public gives us.

"The public are our eyes and ears and are essential partners in the fight against all kinds of crime. Operations such as this one enhance our abilities to act upon the different concerns of local communities."

Officers involved in the operation also carried out checks on licensed premises and Bridgend retailers linked to the sale of psychoactive substances, and carried out high visibility patrols in priority areas.

Cannabis plants discovered at the property in St David's Way, Porthcawl, which have been seized and will now be destroyed.

Friends (and neighbours) at Fonmon!

'Friends and Neighbours' group members from Barry enjoyed a pleasant visit to Fonmon Castle as part of its summer programme.

Fonmon Castle, built in 1180, has had only two family owners with the Boothby family the current ones.

With more than three acres of land and beautiful gardens, the castle is a gem in the Vale.

As the members went on the tour of the castle, the guide – whose knowledge of the castle and its history was obvious – was amusing and had some very funny stories to tell.

She told us of the different ways of life and styles of living throughout the centuries.

With many portraits and paintings to admire, we were spoilt for choice with the many ancestors to admire. One picture took our collective eye, 'Queen Mary', who had visited the castle.

We then went up the stunning staircase to the banquet room to be served afternoon tea, marvelling at the ceiling with its décor.

The tables were tastefully decorated with an array of flowers as a centre piece. We were served a selection of sandwiches followed by homemade chocolate brownies and chocolate cake. Then we had homemade scones with jam and fresh cream and lots of tea and coffee.

We had time to look around the splendid grounds and gardens, marvelling at the beautifully kept lawns and taking time to look around the scented and walled gardens and enjoying the scent of the many flowers.

The members are now looking forward to their strawberry cream tea at the July meeting and mystery trip in August.

Contact Gay Fifield for further information on the group on 01446 400044.

GF

Council should 'get a grip' on travellers' site

SOUTH Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, has criticised the Vale Council for informing travellers occupying the Hayes Road site in Sully that no enforcement action will be taken against them in the next five years.

The council has said it would not be able to move the travellers on until another site is found. It has been occupied since 2012.

Mr Davies said: "The sheer incompetence of the Vale of Glamorgan Council to effectively tackle this situation in Sully is of a huge frustration to the residents and local community in Sully.

"The travellers have occupied the land since 2012 and for the council to simply say it is 'working on a solution' is simply not acceptable – one year possibly, but four? That's incompetence of the highest order and the council needs to get a grip.

"With serious questions regarding contamination and general safety on the site it is imperative that action is taken to resolve this unacceptable situation."

Last week, the Vale Council explained that travellers are considered a vulnerable minority group, and that by law, it has to make provision for their needs.

A spokesman emphasised that the council was working to find an alternative site and those occupying the site could not be moved on until a new one was identified.

Charity claims that 45,000 in Wales have dementia

ALZHEIMER'S Society in Wales submitted a petition to the new Assembly calling on Assembly Members to act and help people in Wales affected by dementia.

Nearly 6,000 people signed the charity's *#45000reasons* petition which highlights the charity's claim that 45,000 people are estimated to be living with dementia in Wales, and the further assertion that less than 50 per cent have received a formal diagnosis.

Mike Hedges AM, the newly-appointed chair of the Assembly's petitions committee, received the petition and said:"The charity's petition has shown the level of public support for a Wales dementia strategy. It's evident this is an issue close to the hearts of many people affected by dementia, their families and communities."

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'PC DRONE' WILL HELP POLICE FIGHT CRIME

South Wales Police are introducing the latest technology, to keep communities safe and fight crime.

The force has acquired one drone, which will be used to carry out a wide range of tasks including assisting with searches for missing people, policing large-scale events, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping officers safe.

Drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), are used by many organisations across the world.

Regulated in the UK by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), UAVs offer frontline officers a different perspective on policing.

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan said: "Today marks a new chapter in our fight to prevent, deter and detect crime.

"In recent years, south Wales has been affected by deliberate fire setting and nuisance off-road bikers.

"Now that we have the capability to monitor and patrol areas which are geographically challenging, we can continue to keep south Wales a safe place in which to work and live."

CAA regulations state that drone operators must pass a national CAA accredited qualification. Currently, the force has 10 trained operators in place, their skills will be used to detect and deter crime across south Wales.

They will complement the service provided by the National Police Air Service and the force has worked closely with it in developing drones within south Wales.

Inspector Frances Williams, South Wales Police, added: "Drones offer many benefits that will support our current operational resources.

"This technology will provide a more cost-effective and efficient way of dealing with missing person searches, crime scene photography, and other police activities.

"Using a drone to capture footage on difficult terrain and hard to reach areas will allow officers to gain vital information, quickly, safely, and allow us to respond effectively at the scene.

"Initially, drones will be deployed to investigate grass fires and other rural crime and other community-based operations. As their capability develops, they will be deployed for more general policing work."

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'Swarming' remains a big problem for the beekeepers

News from Fonmon Apiary by HAROLD WILLIAMS

RESPONDING to 'swarm calls' is still an on-going activity!

The very variable weather has been providing excellent growing conditions for plants and this in turn has meant lots of forage for the bees to exploit.

I have taken several lifts (boxes) of honey off and surprisingly there has not been a trace of oilseed rape honey to be seen.

One forage plant that has been very noticeable this year is the hawthorn, and I have observed bees on those very blossoms.

There are many other nectar and pollen-rich plants being visited by the bees thus providing, eventually, a truly multi-floral honey.

Although I have had some honey, the swarming activity of the bees has seen a reduction in the amount that was earmarked for removal.

Why is there going to be less honey for the beekeeper because a colony has decided to swarm?

Let's analyse the situation. At present in any one of the colonies alone there will be at least 60,000 to 70,000 bees and around 30,000 are primed to depart i.e. swarm! Before they depart, each one will fill up with honey and what was a well-stocked colony is now a somewhat depleted colony.

As far as the bees are concerned, everything is going to plan – it is only the beekeeper that is dismayed...

So here we have a colony that has swarmed, and where there is still honey left in the hive... but this will be required by the remaining bees and definitely not for the beekeeper.

What happens now? Well, the bees that have been left behind do have new queens developing; several eggs laid by the departed queen will have been selected to become new queens.

Only one queen is required, so once one has hatched out, the other queens waiting to hatch will become surplus to requirements and will be disposed of i.e. killed!

It will be at least a month before the new queen begins to lay any eggs at all, and so begin to boost the colony's numbers.

For the new queen to function as she should, she has to be mated. For this to occur, she must leave the hive and meet up with male bees (drones) and she will mate with 10 to 20 of these drones, then return to the same hive she came from. There the inmates detect this change in her and the colony is now this new queen's in her own right. Consequently, all is well.

Can the beekeeper control this swarming? Yes, there are ways and means to do this – but you do not always succeed and the bees will swarm, anyway.

As a beekeeper, you manipulate a colony and hope you are doing the right thing. The bees are the masters – they know precisely what has to be done and when.

For those wishing to take up the art of beekeeping, it can be somewhat daunting at first and swarming is usually going to be the biggest problem they will have to address.

It is, however, a very worthwhile and absorbing pursuit.

My beekeeping activity started 40 years ago and it will continue until I become too frail to lift and carry the equipment associated with bees.

In other news, the Varroa mite is still a major threat and we are no nearer to defeating this parasite, so this is another facet of beekeeping that newcomers must become aware of.

We do need our pollinators, so we must have new beekeepers.

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'Jump Jam' trampoline fun arrives in Bridgend

The Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP, was keen to view the leisure facilities and try out the trampolines.

Alun Cairns, Jim Portsmouth, Teresa Payne and David Morse.

'JUMP Jam Trampoline Park' opened its new 26,000 square mega park with the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns, performing the opening 'Bounce Ceremony'.

The new multi-activity entertainment centre represents a £1million investment, has created 40 local jobs and will be Wales' largest trampoline park.

The owners hope the new business will take Bridgend, the Vale, the Port Talbot area and Cardiff by storm.

Inspired by the hugely popular US sporting phenomenon, Welsh-based 'Jump Jam' says it hopes the park will be the first of many UK parks.

The company wants to get the message across to the public that it is a brand new and exciting way to stay physically active and involve the whole family.

Over 7,500 Facebook followers were registered before the doors even opened. It is located near BandQ just off the M4 at Junction 35 only 15 minutes from Culverhouse Cross in Cardiff.

Jump Jam's operations director David Morse commented: "Adding a new family orientated facility to the region is set to attract more people to the area, more families to the park and more converts to the sport of trampolining!

" It's a new phenomenon in the UK that's really begun to take off – not only because it's fantastic fun, but also because it's something the whole family can take part in."

But there's lots more to Jump Jam than trampolining.

It is an entertainment centre offering daily activities such as toddler sessions, keep fit programs with renowned trainers such as Caz Roberts, weekly events, and children's birthday parties that are affordable and fun for the entire family.

There are Jump Jam's exclusive wall-to-wall trampoline arenas, dodgeball courts, three lane stunt-airbag, slam dunk areas, a 'half pipe trampoline runway' and a state of the art 'walk the wall' performance.

David added: "We have a high rise leap platform into a giant airbag as well as a new basketball and volleyball game that is great fun. One of the things we are most excited about is our four lane climbing wall with state of the art automatic climbing assist belays."

Jump Jam joint managing director and Cowbridge mumpreneur Teresa Payne, commented: "Following in the footsteps of other parks opening around the country and in Wales, we're thrilled with this state of the art facility on the M4 corridor which will mean more visitors will be able to see what all the excitement is about for themselves. Residents and visitors can expect to defy gravity and create lasting memories with friends and family with our innovative approach to family fun."

People can visit *www.jumpjam.co.uk* for all of the latest news and information. The company says it is advisable to book online in advance to ensure a spot because otherwise customers be disappointed. Booking online is also cheaper costing £7.95 for an hour off peak and £8.95 an hour for peak times.

For more information telephone 01656 253161 or email: info@jumpjam.co.uk.

PUPILS FOCUS ON HEALTHY LIVING

LAST week Llanfair Primary School took part in healthy school week when volunteers came from MoD St Athan to work with the children and help promote healthy living.

Physios, dentist, first aid staff, and PE instructors talked to the children and carried out various activities. Dance Crazy Studio visited the school to promote a healthy lifestyle through dance and healthy foods were included in the lunchtime menus and used to make smoothies and fruit salads during classroom activities.

The children had a fantastic time while learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

SR

Lifeguards compete in Rowing League

LAST weekend, Llantwit Major Lifeguard Club's Surf Boat Team travelled to Cornwall for the last rounds of the UK Surf Rowing League.

The early season races, which took place in west Wales and north Devon, had already seen the men's and women's crews competing strongly against clubs from across the UK.

Due to a training injury, Llantwit ladies were unable to compete this weekend, however they have made fantastic strides in this, only their second full season. They have regularly finished highly, outscoring established crews from big surf lifesaving clubs such as Portreath and Perranport, and finished in third place.

On Saturday, the racing took place at Watergate Bay, a beach renowned for its fearsome waves. However on arrival, conditions were challenging but nothing that would potentially capsize a boat.

The boys did well through the rounds collecting points and won the golden point final which left them in a comfortable second, one point behind the leaders from Porthtowan.

Sunday's racing took place at Perranporth, with the crews being met with clear blue skies, a busy beach and a 5-6 foot wave – perfect surf boat conditions.

After a nerve-jangling safety briefing from the event safety cover ("when your boat capsizes, only raise your arm if you are seriously hurt") Llantwit were one of two experienced crews chosen to test the conditions.

This was a wise move because while Llantwit managed to negotiate the big waves, the other team were sent sprawling out of their boat, which rolled and washed ashore.

The racing that followed was as spectacular as the weather and among the most exciting witnessed for many seasons.

In the first heat, the Llantwit crew were met with a huge set of waves and just before they were able to make it safely out behind the big swells, a big swell knocked them and snapped the solid wooden sweep oar used by the "sweep" to steer the boat.

To the boys' credit, they managed to negotiate both having no steering and the powerful surf to get back to the beach safely, however without completing the course this counted as a DNF and zero points.

Undeterred, a quick swap to the replacement sweep oar (usually reserved for calm conditions only) saw the men's team enter the second round more determined than ever.

As other teams were again being toppled and bested by the conditions, Llantwit managed to power through the waves, turn the cans with a healthy lead and then Mike Lord superbly handled the boat back into the beach for Llantwit to claim first place.

The third heat followed a similar pattern, with confidence in the testing waves now growing the team again got out through the waves in first place before catching a great wave back into the beach to win another heat.

The weekend's results secured Llantwit's position in the league and saw them finish second for the season. Having only narrowly lost out in the league to reigning European champions Porthtowan and having beaten them several times this season, the signs are good for the upcoming races this summer.

The teams will next be in action on Saturday, July 30 in the UK Open at Aberavon where they will attempt to defend their title, they will then head to Biarritz in the south of France to race in the European Championships, in September.

Men's team: Mike Lord, Gethin Edwards, Ben Thomas, Ross Frasier, Mathew Rowlands, Josh Edwards and Matthew Wright. Ladies team: Kate Tomley, Cath Thomas, Sian Davies, Emma Kaye, Heather Webber and Toyah Newman.

The team would like to thank sponsors Clive Edwards Contracting for the generous support so far this season.

The club is throwing a Hawaiian themed party at Llantwit Major Lifeguard hut on the evening of Saturday, July 30, with live music, BBQ and a bar.

These are always great nights, for more information please call in at Sunkissed in Llantwit Major or visit the Llantwit Major SLSC Facebook page or the website at llantwitmajorslsc.org.uk .

MW

Prefects were on hand to welcome newcomers at local transition disco

THE Llantwit Major Comprehensive School welcomed 220 years 6 – 7 pupils for their transition disco.

The event was organised and hosted by the cluster PTAs across the six schools; sixth form prefects also attended to welcome the pupils and assist with the judging of the disco competition!

The pupils had a fantastic time and have some great photos from the photo booth to remember the evening. The staff also enjoyed the photo booth!

SB

Ghost talk at Dinas Powys Probus Club

AT the recent meeting of Dinas Powys Probus Club, a very interesting and enjoyable talk was given by Mr James Cowan on 'Local Ghosts and Hauntings'.

James is a host guide on numerous ghost tours but concentrated on the surrounding areas. He started by asking the simple question, what are ghosts? Could it be a case of a figment of one's imagination, a shadow that moves, or are there really ghosts out there?

Ghost stories abound around Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff Castle clock tower, Castell Coch and even Green Meadow business park in Tongwynlais, and he was able to show us photographs of children playing in the woods where today you can only see a swamp. Photos of hooded figures in Blackfriars caused animated discussion, as did the misty figures in the background.

James concluded by stating that there are more than 600 castles or their remains in Wales, each with a story to tell and he intended to explore them all.

Asked after the talk if he had ever encountered a ghost himself, James answered in the affirmative but would not reveal any details... rather scary.

The vote of thanks was offered by David Bray.

MA

Waste dates are to change

FROM Monday, August 1, the waste and recycling collection day for some households in the Vale will be changing.

The introduction of new collection days will allow the council to maximise vehicle usage and staffing, by optimising routes and collections.

All households will receive a letter notifying them of their new collection day or confirming that their existing collection day will be remaining the same.

Information about the changes will also appear on the council's website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "Following a review of the collection rounds, the changes to collection days will help to maximise efficiencies for the council, with we hope, minimum disruption to residents."

POTHOLES: Compensation payments rocket in the Vale to almost £250,000

COMPENSATION payments paid out by the Vale Council in relation to injuries and damage caused by potholes across the county has rocketed according to latest figures.

A freedom of information request showed that in 2015, the Vale Council paid out nearly £250k in compensation payments, up from just under £200k in 2014.

These types of payments to individuals, organisations and companies, have increased by 29.6 per cent since 2012.

The Vale Council points out it has invested £7m in the road network since 2012 and stressed it had to balance spending carefully between departments.

But South Wales Central AM and Welsh Conservative leader, Andrew RT Davies, said the state of roads in the Vale was a matter of concern for local motorists and that the issue was raised time and time again with him.

Andrew RT Davies examines a large pothole

He said: "Sadly, this is likely to be only the tip of the iceberg with the true damage caused by potholes likely to be far higher, with many drivers deciding to not go through the rigmarole of contacting the local authority.

"Local residents will rightly look at the sharp increase in these figures since 2012 and recognise that if this money had been invested on roads maintenance we could have avoided paying out such significant amounts of taxpayers' cash in compensation."

INVESTMENT

Miles Punter, the Vale's director of environment and housing services, said there had been "significant investment" in the road network.

"The council fully recognises the importance of its highway network and since 2012, we have invested over £7m in highway resurfacing and treatment works.

"From this year, we have also committed to invest a further £1.4m to fund the resurfacing and treatment works required for those roads and footways within our surfacing plan identified to be of highest priority.

"This funding is in addition to our pot hole repair revenue budget. We will also continue to utilise our popular Big Fill initiative to repair pot holes outside of our current pot hole repair programme, which allows residents to have an input into their local highway repair priorities, and we have specifically set aside £500k for this for 2016-17."

Mr Punter added: "We believe that we have effective maintenance and resurfacing programmes commensurate with the budgets we have available but we, like all other councils, also have many other significant spending priorities, including areas such as education and social care.

"Our spending on highways and footways has to be balanced against these other priorities."

Popular presenter practices Peruvian perambulation

WEATHER presenter Derek Brockway has signed up to trek to the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in 2017 to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

To kick off his fundraising Derek, will be leading a special walk on Sunday, September 25.

The eight-mile walk starts in Derek's home town of Barry, and follows a route through the old docks along the coast to the most southerly point on mainland Wales, Rhoose Point, taking in sandy beaches, an old watch tower, an Iron Age settlement and many of the other places featured in the TV series 'Gavin and Stacey'.

Derek said: "I took part in the Patagonia trek last November celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Welsh settlers leaving for South America.

It was a fantastic experience, very tough trekking conditions with a great group of people, but well worth it as we raised over £500,000 for Velindre.

"It's is a wonderful charity and helps so many people including a few of my friends, family and work colleagues providing vital treatment, care and support."

Derek said he was fascinated by Patagonia, its history and connection with Wales and as a keen walker had always wanted to visit the area.

"The history of the Inca and the magnificent structures that managed to build at such heights in the Andes is amazing, so I'm really looking forward to seeing Machu Picchu."

"The trek is going to be a challenge and I will need to get fitter over the next 14 months.

"More importantly, I hope to raise loads of money for Velindre so it can continue to help people in the future and with more research hopefully find a cure for cancer.

"My walk on September 25 will be the start of my fitness regime and I hope lots of people sign up and join me."

Entry for the event is £5, and each participant will be required to raise a minimum of £50.

If you would like to join Derek, and Walk with the Weatherman, visit: ***www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline.***

Busy month began with sombre reflection on the Somme battle

COWBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

by Coun Elizabeth George

A lighter moment...Mayor Liz George with the Cowbridge Fire Service (and their new engine).

JULY has been a very busy month, with many varied engagements.

I was invited to the Commemoration Service at Holy Cross Church for the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. This was organised by the Cowbridge & District British Legion, together with a very thought-provoking contribution by students from Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

On Saturday, July 2, I held my second Mayor's coffee morning and was very pleased to welcome Jackie Askey, who is an ambassador for the Forget Me Not Chorus, my chosen charity.

I attended a delightful leavers' service at Ramoth United Free Church which was held to bring together pupils from the feeder schools in the Vale who are going on to comprehensive education.

Father Edward and Father Mark were on hand to give some wise words to the young students on how to prepare themselves for the next step in their lives. There was even a reading from *Harry Potter* read by Rev Heather Weddell.

My next engagement was to welcome the brand new fire engine to Cowbridge Fire Station. (***See picture above***) *We all depend on the emergency services to protect us from life's dangers.*

The fact that we have a fire station locally, equipped with modern up-to-date appliances will bring great comfort to the residents of Cowbridge and its surrounding areas.

I would like to thank the officers and men of our local fire service, both past and present, for their dedication to this sometimes dangerous service. I wish them well with their new machine!

The Cowbridge Civic Service was held on Sunday, July 10. The sun came out for the parade and photographs and I was very grateful to the South Wales Police Band for escorting us to the church, together with the Cowbridge Air Cadets and other children's organisations. What a special day!

I attended a concert by Cor Bro Ogwr on July 15 at All Saints' Church in Porthcawl. What a wonderful evening of music, including a performance of *Stabat Mater* by Karl Jenkins.

Finally, I attended the Barry Mayor's Civic Service at St Mary's Church in Barry.

My next charity coffee morning is on Saturday, September 3, in the Mayor's Parlour at Cowbridge

COUN LIZ GEORGE

George meets his paramedic hero

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"It's wonderful to meet up with George, Helen and the family again," said Alex, who is originally from Birmingham, but now lives with his wife Jess near Maesteg.

"George was very poorly when I last turned up at the house. I was Acting Clinical Team Leader at the time and though I've been doing this job for over five years, I've only had a small handful of 'anaphylactic reaction' type calls which have been as serious.

"I can't believe how well George is today. He's a brave boy and I hope he now goes on from strength to strength.

"It's lovely that he and his mother have wanted to thank me in person. For me, what I did with George is just part of my job, but to find the family so grateful is very uplifting and a boost to me and my colleagues in the service.

"In fact, it should be me thanking George, because as a result of attending his call, I soon realized that back on the road attending calls day-to-day is exactly what I wanted to do, rather than going out on calls now and again.

"So that's where I am now as full-time paramedic working out of Cowbridge Ambulance Station…and loving every minute of it."

Both Alex and Helen had the following advice for parents who find their child suffering from an anaphylactic reaction: "Stay calm, try and help the child by breathing with them and getting them to follow your breathing rhythm.

"Stay in control, try and find what you think might be the possible source of the allergy and remove it, and put it to one side for the attending clinical staff.

"But most important of all, phone 999 immediately!"

As for George himself, he presented a 'thank you' card to Alex on which he had written the words *"You are the light in the darkness. Thank you."*

On meeting Alex for the first time since his allergic reaction, George simply said: "Alex is my hero!"

Memories of the Caterpillar Club

A FRIEND of mine who died recently at the age of 96, had been a member of the little-known Caterpillar Club.

He had served with Royal Air Force bomber crews in the Second World War. I am not sure if this was an official Air Ministry award, but it was mostly given to crew members of bombers and other aircraft who had to evacuate a burning, or badly-damaged aircraft in order to survive.

Some aircrew and safely in enemy territory and were made prisoners of war and the medal was awarded much later. It as a lapel badge size featuring a caterpillar (silkworm) descending by its silk thread.

I don't believe there was a ribbon with it; surviving aircrew usually wore it on their navy blazer, with sometimes an RAF breast pocket sewn-on badge, as well.

I am ex-RAF, but never aircrew, and I was hoping to inherit this badge as a keepsake in memory of an older friend.

Sadly, these days such memories of wartime bravery are not always recognised.

It is usually only on official parades and similar ceremonies that such medals and awards are seen.

Gerry Parsons, Barry.

'HATE CRIME'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

A letter in this edition (see page 2) may be the first post-Referendum case locally of a suspected crime linked to a person's beliefs – in this case, support for Brexit – being reported to the police.

The writer, Dr Paul Langmaid, returned from a trip to find that his car, which had been left in the public car park behind Cowbridge Town Hall and had a 'Vote Leave' sticker in the window, had been 'keyed'.

Dr Langmaid reported the incident on July 15 and was pleased at the attention given by the PCSO who dealt with the incident.

However, Dr Langmaid was told that tracing the person or persons responsible would be "unlikely". The car park has no CCTV and as Dr Langmaid suggests in his letter, policing is by 'passing panda'.

Dr Langmaid, told The GEM, this week: "It could have been done at any time over the course of a few days in a busy car park. Who knows how many people later brushed by my car or, innocently, left their fingerprints on it, possibly contaminating the crime scene."

Dr Langmaid said that he had been careful to phrase his report to the police with reference to the definition of "hate crime", which, as given on *www.gov.uk* specifies…*"crimes committed against someone because of their disability, gender-identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation."*

In Dr Langmaid's case, he is sure that the act of vandalism took place purely because of the pro-Leave sticker in his car and was, therefore, an attack against his political beliefs.

"I qualified, in my report to the police, that this was similar to a 'hate crime', because it was an attack on my beliefs," said Dr Langmaid.

"Whoever vandalised my car, challenged any 'safe spaces' we have in Cowbridge to communicate different beliefs to others.

"I do not know if anyone else has experienced anything similar, but I would urge anyone who has, to report it. Don't be put off; it is very easy to do, and it will let the police more accurately show what suspected crimes have taken place."

*South Wales Police confirmed that the incident is under investigation, and asked the public to contact 101 (quoting reference *2675447).*

In earlier correspondence, a spokesman for the force stated: "We urge anyone who believes they have been the victim of any hate crime, or has fears about the safety of themselves or their community, to contact South Wales Police on the 101 non-emergency number, or 999 in an emergency."

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TARZAN IS FUN – BUT A TAD TOO EARNEST!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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THE last time Tarzan graced the big screen (ignoring the disastrous Kellan Lutz-starring clunker in 2013) was in 1999, as the gentle tones of Phil Collins wafted over Disney's animated take on Edgar Rice Burroughs' legendary character.

Fast-forward to 2016 and the character returns to the big screen (sans the erstwhile Genesis frontman's warbling) in *The Legend of Tarzan*, a more serious take on the character. Tarzan himself (Alexander Skarsgard) is now John Clayton III, or Lord Greystoke, having left the jungle to make a new life in London with his wife, Jane (Margot Robbie).

However, when news emerges of a plan by Belgium's King Leopold II to extract the Congo's rich mineral deposits, led by his envoy Léon Rom (Christoph Waltz), American envoy George Washington Williams (Samuel L Jackson) convinces Clayton to return to his homeland to stop Rom's evil plan – without knowing a tribal leader, Chief Mbonga (Djimon Hounsou), is awaiting the return of Tarzan...

You can call it the 'Chris Nolan effect'. Ever since *Batman Begins* in 2005, filmmakers have found themselves presenting darker takes of sourced material, attempting to build their tales in a realistic world and take the character back to its roots.

It doesn't always work (you only need see last year's borefest that was *Fantastic Four* to realise that), so when director David Yates suggested that *The Legend of Tarzan* would be inspired by that first Nolan Batman film, a gulp was taken; throw into the mix that the character of Tarzan – king of the jungle, talks to animals, has a nice line in tribal calls – has hardly been begging to return to the big screen, then expectations are not overly high.

And yet, for all of the films po-faced earnestness, in all of the moments where it threatens to be too serious, there is still a solid adventure film lying beneath it, one that still reasonably entertains even if it takes pains to point out how weighty and portentous it's trying to be.

Having helmed four *Harry Potter* films (and with spin-off *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them* set for release this November) David Yates has proved more than comfortable in the director's chair of big blockbusters, and he shows his nous here with a film that looks superb, its budget on the screen for all to see.

The plains of Africa and the murk of the deepest depths of the jungle are brought stunningly to life by Yates, while his handling of the film's big set-pieces is done with a quiet and assured confidence. If the tone feels a little too heavy for the subject matter and is projected a little awkwardly (the coldness of Greystoke Manor bathed in blues, Africa a vibrant, sun-kissed yellow), then Yates at least tries to inject some zip into proceedings.

Cast-wise, Alexander Skarsgard's Tarzan may be a tad too brooding but when he swings into action (pardon the pun) he makes for an engaging hero, even if he's played perhaps a little too coldly by the actor.

Opposite him, Margot Robbie makes for an engaging Jane, even if she is reduced by the machinations of the story to a damsel in distress; that said, she is afforded more depth than most damsels, and the actress does a decent job.

Samuel L Jackson's character seems designed purely to add a little levity to affairs, something he does particularly well without really stretching himself, while Christoph Waltz's villainous Rom, while a reprehensible character, is a touch too one-note and, for an actor of Waltz's capabilities, lacking in any invention.

Where the film would benefit the most would be from a different tone – there is an emotional backstory to Tarzan and Jane's relationship, while his relationship to those he left behind in the jungle is similarly mired in emotion.

Yet sometimes it's far too weighty and austere for its own good, and while *The Legend of Tarzan* has its fun moments, it's the overuse of the dramatic that slightly sours the taste.

VERDICT: Part jungle romp, part weighty, emotional drama, *The Legend of Tarzan's* inability to reconcile these two elements mean that while satisfying, its lacking in fun. David Yates makes the film look gorgeous and the cast do a decent job – it's just a touch too earnest, and not quite thrilling enough. *Average*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Jungle Book* (2016), *Indian Jones and The Temple of Doom* (1984).

Amdram company Billboard Ensemble celebrates 20 years!

BILLBOARD Ensemble was formed in 1996 and is Barry's premiere amateur dramatics company.

However, *writes a Billboard spokesman*, there is nothing 'amateur' about this company; often staging firsts in the Vale area, BillBoard has wowed local audiences for years with such hit shows as: *Anything Goes*, *Me and My Girl*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Wedding Singer*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and an annual Christmas pantomime.

Shows are staged in the Memo Arts Centre, Barry and junior productions have been staged in various local theatres including The Paget Rooms and the Wales Millennium Centre.

BillBoard Ensemble is a non-profit making organisation and is run by an administration team and a production team.

Any profit from any show is ploughed back into the next production. With almost 100 members, spectacular scenery and costumes, large orchestras and an abundance of talent, a BillBoard production is a feast for the senses!

In the beginning, the adult and junior sections performed summer shows together, however it very soon became clear that the juniors needed – and deserved – their own annual production.

BillBoard Juniors have a loyal fan-base have wowed audiences with shows such as *Honk*, *Bugsy Malone* and *Camp Rock* and more recently *Alice in Wonderland*.

The adult section comprises a strong chorus, which forms the backbone of the company. Not afraid of a challenge, BillBoard performs full-scale musicals exactly as they are musically written. No harmony goes unlearned! Every musical is accompanied by a live orchestra and all harmonies are sung live. To see and hear a BillBoard show is really something special because at the heart of the company are people who genuinely love musical theatre.

BillBoard has initiated the careers of numerous professional performers. Many members have gone on to successfully study at top London theatre schools including The London Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA), Arts Educational School (Arts Ed), Delamar Academy, London and the London School of Musical Theatre (LSMT).

Many of BillBoard juniors are with agencies and often appear on television and professional touring productions of musicals such as *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Oliver!*

BillBoard is not just about performing. There is an active social scene and over the 20 years many exciting events have happened: Stars in Their Eyes nights, skittle evenings, annual Christmas balls; trips to London and Blackpool; and so many BillBoard weddings! Many members stay with BillBoard for years; this is testament to our friendly company.

BillBoard loves a challenge, and this summer's musical is no exception, and *Legally Blonde The Musical* will see its region premier at the Memo Arts Centre this August.

A fabulously fun international award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde, The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery, and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

This action-packed musical explodes on the stage with memorable songs and dynamic dances. Equal parts hilarious and heart-warming, this musical is so much fun it should be illegal! Join BillBoard as they celebrate their very special milestone.

Creative Rural Communities On The Road

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale Council's rural regeneration initiative is planning a road show across the rural Vale in September.

CRC supports communities and enterprises to trial and develop ideas for the benefit of the rural Vale, which can be shared with the rest of Wales, the UK and Europe.

Any group or organisation holding events or meetings in September or October, which CRC could come along to or present is invited to contact Clair Bonter by email: clbonter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or 01446 704828 by Friday, August 12.

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Texan visitors join project

RECENTLY, a team of 17 Texans came to the Vale for a week to work alongside local churches.

For five days, three of the Texans joined over 30 local Christians from Dinas Powys Baptist Church and Bethesda Chapel in carrying out social action projects across the village.

As well as litter picking, graffiti cleaning, and gardening, the team painted the gate to the Scout park on Greenfield Avenue and the railings on the bridge leading to Dinas Powys Primary School and the library.

A free community barbeque was held for some local residents.

Counc Chris Franks congratulated the volunteers, saying that the community really benefited from their actions.

He said: "This follows similar projects earlier in the year when a huge area of the common was cleared of rubbish. In addition, overhanging brambles were cleared from pavements."

PICTURED ABOVE: Roger Drake, Christine Holms, Bob Davies and Jane Drake.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D940.

- **£2,000:** 443423.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £11,000, was not won this week.**
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Avoiding some of those summer ills – *Part 2*

DEEP Vein Thrombosis (DVT) happens when a blood clot forms in one of the body's deep veins. This tends to happen when a person has been inactive for a period of time, as blood collects in the lower parts of the body, particularly in the lower legs.

Every year, DVT affects one in every 1,000 people in the UK, but there are things you can do to reduce your chances of getting it. For example, when you're on a long journey, try to do leg and calf exercises every half hour or try to walk around. You can also help by wearing loose clothing from the waist down and making sure that you are drinking plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated.

Pharmacy tips: If you're worried about DVT, ask your pharmacist about compression socks.

Planning ahead: If you take a regular medicine, make sure you have enough for your holiday. If you do run out of your medicine while you're on holiday in the UK or you lose your medicine, go to a pharmacy as they may be able to sell you an emergency supply.

There are some drugs however that a pharmacist will be unable to give you. These are called controlled drugs and include medicines like benzodiazepines and morphine. If you run out of these medicines, your pharmacist can refer you to a local doctor for more advice. The best advice is plan ahead and while on holiday, keep your medicine in a safe and secure place.

Pharmacy tips: If you take a medicine for a long term condition, ask your pharmacist about the easiest way to reorder your prescription.

Over The Counter Medicines:

When you're on holiday abroad, you may notice that medicines look different to how they do back home. This is because medicines have a generic name, which is the active ingredient of the medicine, and they have a brand name, which is the trade name the manufacturer gives to the medicine. For example, Viagra is the well-known brand name given to the generic medicine sildenafil. If you cannot find your normal brand in the pharmacy while you're on holiday, don't worry; the pharmacist in the UK will be able to find you something that contains the same active ingredient.

Pharmacy tips: Try to stock up on holiday essentials like anti-sickness remedies, plasters and painkillers before you go on holiday. Be careful though; there are restrictions on taking certain medicines into another country, for example it is against the law to take medicines containing the painkiller codeine into the United Arab Emirates or Greece. Ask your pharmacist for more advice.

Be careful when packing: There are new regulations on what you're allowed to take as hand luggage so check with your flight operator before you travel to avoid any nasty surprises.

Pharmacy tips: Taking a translation of the documents will help avoid any problems on the return flight if your destination is not English-speaking (especially outside of Europe).

Travel sickness: Your pharmacist can give you advice on available remedies as well as giving tips on how to prevent travel sickness, such as ensuring there is good ventilation and encouraging children who suffer with travel sickness to look out of the window instead of playing games or reading books as this can make it worse.

Pharmacy tips: Alcohol should be avoided while taking travel sickness tablets and the tablets may interact with other medicines you maybe taking, so ask your pharmacist for advice on the best product for you.

Sunburn is something that you should definitely not have to suffer with on holiday. Visit your pharmacy before you go to make sure that you have the correct sunscreen for your holiday.

It is recommended that an adult wears a sunscreen with a rating of at least SPF15 and for a child, SPF30. It will of course depend on where you're travelling to, so ask your pharmacist for advice.

You should apply sunscreen liberally before going out in the sun and make sure you reapply it every couple of hours throughout the day. Also, try to stay in the shade when the sun is at its strongest between 11am and 3pm. If you do get sunburn, cover the area immediately to prevent further damage.

by Kate Thomas, Pharmacist Proprietor, Sylvia Williams Chemist.

A cool shower can also help, as can applying after-sun cream. If your skin starts to feel itchy a few days later and you start to peel, use a moisturiser. You can of course avoid all of this by making sure you apply sunscreen and stay in the shade.

Pharmacy tips: Don't be fooled by a cloudy sky! Just because you cannot see the sun does not mean that it won't be causing damage to the skin.

Time travelling: If you take regular medicines and will be travelling across different time zones,speak to your pharmacy before you go away as you may need to alter the way you take your medicine.

For example, if you take the progesterone only pill, most only have a three-hour window before the dose is classed as being missed so you may want to continue to take your pill using UK time or gradually adjust the dose by no more than three hours at a time so it fits in with your holiday destination time.

Patients with epilepsy should be advised that if they need to adjust their dosing schedule, this should be done gradually until a convenient dosage regimen has been established. The Epilepsy Society advises that this should be done with guidance from the patient's GP.

Pharmacy tips: Travelling across time zones can also cause jet lag. You can help lessen the effects of jet lag by making sure that you're hydrated and avoiding alcohol and caffeine, which can disturb sleep.

Anti-malarials: It only takes one bite to become infected with malaria, so make sure you take malaria prevention seriously. The type of antimalarial you need will depend on a number of factors including where you are going, your medical history, your age and whether you are pregnant. Ask your pharmacist for advice.

Pharmacy tips: Unfortunately, no anti-malarial tablets and travel vaccines are 100 per cent effective so it is essential to use other bite-avoidance precautions such as mosquito nets to go around your bed skin repellents and plug in vaporisers.

Know your limits: If you're going on an all inclusive holiday, try to eat and drink as sensibly as you can. Overeating can cause a whole range of symptoms including heartburn, indigestion, nausea and constipation and over-drinking can of course cause the dreaded hangover. After you have eaten, try not to lie down right after you've had something to eat and if you really have to, use a couple of pillows so you sleep in a more upright position.

Over-the-counter painkillers can help with headaches and muscle aches caused by over-drinking. Paracetamol-based remedies are usually preferable as aspirin may further irritate the stomach and increase nausea and sickness.

Pharmacy tips: The best way to avoid a hangover of course is not to drink, but if you do, drink sensibly and try to keep within the recommended limit (men 3-4 units per day and women 2-3). Try to eat lots of carbohydrates as this will help to slow down the body's absorption of alcohol. Before you sleep, drink a pint or so of water and keep a glass of water by the bed to sip if you wake during the night.

Must haves for a holiday health kit: Eye drops can help to replenish moisture after the humidity of aeroplanes, especially if you wear contact lenses. Painkillers can be used to treat back pain and headaches.

They can also be used to treat high temperatures in children. Ear drops can help to treat the symptoms of ear infections – particularly common with children using swimming pools.

Make sure you have a good supply of plasters, wound dressings and antiseptic creams for minor scrapes and falls.

CONCLUDED

A day out at the races for the local WIs

ON July 14 more than 200 members of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes (GFWI) travelled to Chepstow for a day at the races.

They were, of course, dressed in their best, with hats that would have easily graced Ascot's Ladies' Day.

Before racing began, the ladies were treated to a delicious buffet lunch and a talk by a gentleman who obviously knew the 'form'. Armed with this insider knowledge and clutching their race cards, the ladies enthusiastically chose the winners of every race!

There were cheers of excitement and sometimes sighs of disappointment as the horses and their colourful jockeys raced passed the balcony specially reserved for the Glamorgan ladies.

There were eight races in all, but everyone took a special interest in the second race, which was the GFWI Handicap.

Mrs Sandra Davidson, vice chair of the federation and organiser of the event, chose the 'best turned out horse and presented the prize to the race winner.

At the end of an eventful and fun-filled day, members – whether they had won or lost on their horses – all agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed the experience and that it had been a wonderful day.

They hoped that this would become an annual event in Glamorgan's calendar!

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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2016

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG AMRYW FFYRDD, MAES AWYR CAERDYDD (AMRYW WAHARDDIADAU A CHYFYNGIADAU I GERBYDAU A CHERDDWYR) (GWRTHDERFYSGAETH) (DROS DRO) 2016

1. Ar 15 Gorffennaf 2016, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 14(1) a 22C Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 30 Gorffennaf 2016 a gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

3. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw rai o'i ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 30 Gorffennaf 2016, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Oni nodir fel arall yn y Gorchymyn hwn:

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded neu achosi neu ganiatáu i unrhyw gerbyd neu feic fynd ar hyd, stopio neu aros ar unrhyw adeg yn y lleoliad a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

ATODLEN

Lleoliad	Yr holl ffyrdd rhwng y gylchfan lle mae ffordd fynediad y maes awyr yn cwrdd â'r A4226/B4265 a'r cyffyrdd lle mae dwy ffordd fynediad y maes awyr yn cwrdd â Port Road. Llwybrau cerdded (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) Pen-marc Rhifau 9, 9A, 10, 15, 21 ynghyd â chilffordd Pen-marc Rhif 18 ar eu hyd.
Rhesymau	Gwneir y gwaharddiadau a'r cyfyngiadau hyn at ddiben osgoi perygl i bobl neu draffig arall sy'n defnyddio'r ffyrdd; osgoi, lleihau, neu leihau'r tebygolrwydd o'r perygl yn gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth neu at ddiben sy'n ymwneud â'r perygl neu ddifrod sy'n gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth (fel y diffinnir yn Adran 1 Deddf Terfysgaeth 2000).
Hyd	O 18.01 ar 30 Gorffennaf 2016 am hyd at 18 mis.
Llwybr Amgen	Bydd yr atgyfeiriadau ar gyfer traffig sy'n mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain o'r gylchfan wrth y Cyfleuster Cynnal a Chadw Awyrennau, yna tua'r de-ddwyrain ar hyd yr A4226 i'r gylchfan yn y gyffordd â Port Road ac yna i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin ar hyd Port Road, i'r Maes Awyr ac i'r cyfeiriad arall. Dim ar gyfer y llwybrau cerdded sydd ar gau.

Dyddiedig 21 Gorffennaf 2016

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai,
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The Vale of Glamorgan Council

VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT (VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS) (ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

1. On the 15th July 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 30th July 2016 and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 30th July 2016 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location:	All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road. Footpaths (Public Rights of Way) Penmark No's 9, 9A, 10, 15, 21, together with restricted by-way Penmark No 18 throughout their lengths.
Reasons	These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).
Duration	From 18.01 hours on 30th July 2016 for a maximum period of 18 Months.
Alt Route	The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and visa-versa. None for the footpath closures.

Dated this 21st day of July 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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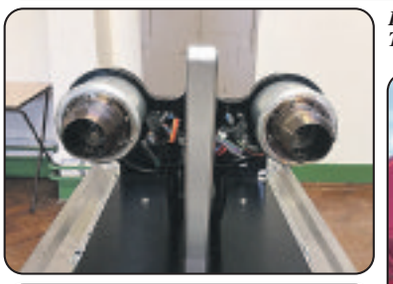
RAF ROADSHOW TOUCHES DOWN AND SCHOOL CHAMPS LINE UP WITH STARS!

The drone flight was very popular

RAF engineering education roadshow at Barry Comprehensive School

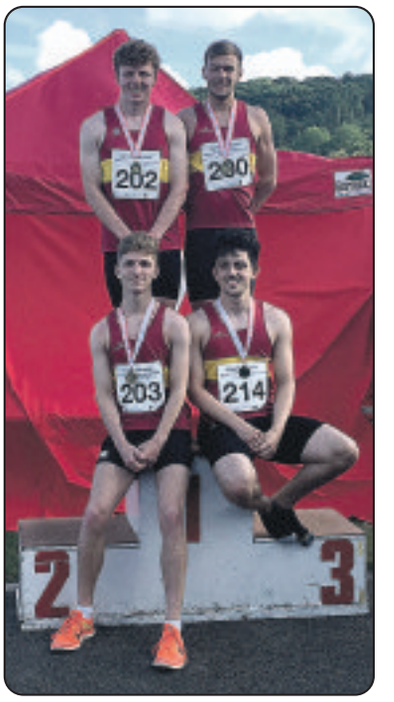
A ball and air blower demonstrated the Coandă effect



LEFT: The business end of the tiny jet engine.

The team really showed their talent impressing Rhys with their skill levels

An amazing chance to play rugby with Wales full back Rhys Patchell.



Jake McInery (top left) brought home two medals for the Cardiff and Vale senior boys athletics team

YEAR-8 and 9 science students at Barry Comprehensive School welcomed the RAF Engineering Education Roadshow to school recently.

Among many of the activities students were shown a demonstration of a mini jet engine. A 'ball-and-air-blower' demonstrated the Coandă effect, which describes how air flows around objects.

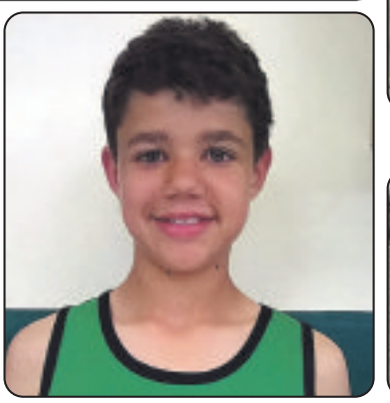
The RAF team explained how the wings on a aircraft use this effect to generate lift, while a drone also took to the air inside the school hall, much to the delight of the audience.

As well as being exciting and entertaining, the roadshow helped students to apply their scientific knowledge in a practical way and made them aware of potential careers in science and engineering.

Barry Comp pupil becomes under-13 county champ

YEAR-7 pupil Kai Ludvigsen became the under-13 county champion in the 200m at Jenner Park recently with a very fast time of 29.4 seconds.

Barry sixth former Jake McInery ran for the Cardiff and Vale senior boys athletics team in the 200m and 4 x 100m relay in the national schools championships. He came third in the 200m and won gold with the team in the relay.



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Stars coach Barry's champion team

BARRY Comprehensive School's all-conquering year-8 rugby team has been preparing for the challenges of next season at an intensive training camp.

The team, recently crowned Blues champions, was bolstered by members of the year-7 team.

Guest coaches were brought in to offer their expertise. Former international second row Greg Prosser worked the boys on lineout play and Blues first team coach and former international scrum half Paul John put the players through a vigorous and challenging decision-making session.

The real treat for the players was the session delivered by current Wales full back Rhys Patchell on back play, during which the team really showed their talent impressing Rhys with their skill levels.

Huw Bevan, head of performance at the Dragons, talked to the group about conditioning and lifestyle, giving the boys an insight into professional rugby.

Coach Mr Manley said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for the players to learn from the very best. I can't thank our guests enough for giving up their time to help the lads.

"When you think Rhys Patchell was playing against the All Blacks two weeks ago, it is amazing that he can give the time to help us. I hope all of the players enjoyed the training camp and will become better players for the experience."

Blues first team coach and former international scrum half Paul John put the players through a vigorous and challenging decision making session

Current Wales full back Rhys Patchell coaching students

Former international second row Greg Prosser worked the boys on lineout play

Barry Comprehensive School's rugby squad with Rhys Patchell

LIGHT ON THEIR FEET FOR MARIE CURIE HOSPICE

MEMBERS of the Paget Rooms Tea Dance Association attended a party at the Paget Rooms on July 11 during festival week.

Cakes were enjoyed by all thanks to Tesco Express Penarth.

During the afternoon, a cheque for £300 was presented to a representative from Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, in support of its good work.

We meet every Monday from 2pm to 4.30pm and all are welcome. Contact Mrs Ferris on 02920 512353. **LYNN BENNETT**

Dog of the week: Bear

BEAR is Dog of the Week at Dogs Trust Bridgend.

He is a West Highland Terrier, and approximately five to seven years old.

Although shy when first meeting him, once he gets to know you he loves a fuss and cuddle.

Bear would suit a quiet home where someone is around most of the day, but would best suit a home with no other dogs; he has some medical issues, which need to be discussed at the centre, and Dogs Trust will help financially with this.

If you are interested in him contact us on 01656 725219 or visit our website.

BRO MORGANNWG 2016
GORCHYMYN PRYNU GORFODOL
(GWELLIANNAU PRIFFYRDD YR A4226 FIVE MILE LANE)
Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 a Deddf Caffael Tir 1981

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ('y Cyngor') wedi gwneud Gorchymyn Prynu Gorfodol (Gwelliannau Priffyrdd Yr A4226 Five Mile Lane) Bro Morgannwg 2016 ('y Gorchymyn') o dan Ddeddf Priffyrdd 1980 adrannau 239, 240, 246, 250 a 260. Mae ar fin cyflwyno'r Gorchymyn hwn i Weinidogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, ac os caiff ei gadarnhau, bydd y Gorchymyn yn awdurdodi'r Cyngor i brynu'n orfodol y tir a'r hawliau newydd a ddisgrifir isod at y diben o -

(i) adeiladu priffordd newydd ac adeiladwaith hwylustod arall, i ddod yn rhan o'r A4226 a gwella priffordd bresennol yr A4226 o dir i'r de o Fferm Blackland, Tresimwn am bellter o 4800 o fetrau mewn cyfeiriad deheuol a chyfeiriad de ddwyreiniol wedyn i gyffordd yr A4226 gyda Chylchfan Waycock Cross, Port Road, Y Barri.

(ii) adeiladu priffyrdd eraill i gysylltu'r briffordd newydd a grybwyllwyd uchod; gwella priffyrdd cysylltu presennol; cau priffyrdd neu rannau o briffyrdd; cau mynedfeydd preifat i eiddo; darparu mynedfeydd newydd i eiddo ac adeiladwaith hwylustod arall yn unol â Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Ffordd Ddosbarthiadol yr A4226 (Five Mile Lane) Ffyrdd Ymyl 2016 a wnaed o dan adrannau 14 a 125 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980.

(iii) darparu darn newydd o lwybr beiciau / troetffordd a rennir gerllaw'r gwaith gwella priffyrdd ar linell o gyffiniau Canolfan Heboga Cymru i Gylchfan Waycock Cross, Port Road, Y Barri.

(iv) dargyfeirio cyrsiau dŵr a gwneud gwaith arall ar gyrsiau dŵr mewn cysylltiad ag adeiladu a gwella ac adlinio'r priffyrdd a grybwyllwyd uchod;

(v) defnydd gan yr awdurdod caffael mewn cysylltiad ag adeiladu a gwella priffyrdd a chyflawni gwaith arall a grybwyllwyd uchod; a

(vi) lliniaru unrhyw effeithiau niweidiol a gaiff bodolaeth neu ddefnydd o'r priffyrdd y bwriedir eu hadeiladu neu'u gwella ar eu hamgylchoedd.

Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn ac o'r map cysylltiedig yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol yn swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, Y Barri CF63 4RU a The Alps, Quarry Road, Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

Rhaid gwneud unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn yn ysgrifenedig i Weinidog Cymru yn yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio, Adeiladau'r Llywodraeth, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ

cyn 2 Medi 2016 a dylai nodi enw'r Gorchymyn, sail y gwrthwynebiad a chyfeiriad y gwrthwynebydd a'i fuddiannau yn y tir.

DISGRIFIAD O'R TIR A'R HAWLIAU NEWYDD

SYLWER: Dynodir y tir a gynhwysir ym mhob eitem isod ar y map y cyfeirir ato yn y Gorchymyn drafft gan ddefnyddio'r rhif neu'r rhifau sydd gyferbyn â'r eitem honno isod.

YNG NGHYMUNEDAU SAIN NICOLAS a THRESIMWN A LLANCARFAN

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r de a'r de ddwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Fferm Blackland, Tresimwn (1/1, 1/1a, 1/1b a 1/2)

Hawl barhaol i fynd ar dir âr gan gynnwys y llinell coed a hanner gwely'r nant sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r de-ddwyrain o Fferm Blackland, Tresimwn at yr holl ddibenion yn gysylltiedig â rheoli'r pwll arafu arfaethedig a'r gofer draenio ar ffin ddwyreiniol y briffordd (Plot 1/2a)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr, prysgdir, coetir a pherth sydd wedi'u lleoli ar neu i'r gogledd, de, de ddwyrain a dwyrain i'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Fferm Blackland, Tresimwn a'r hawl i fynd i mewn at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensys dros dro cysylltiedig ar ffin ddwyreiniol y briffordd (Plot 1/2b, 1/2c, 1/2d, 1/2e, 1/2f, 1/2g, 1/2h, 1/3)

YNG NGHYMUNEDAU SAIN NICOLAS a THRESIMWN A GWENFÔ

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr, prysgdir, pwll draenio a nant wedi'u lleoli i'r gogledd, gogledd ddwyrain a gogledd orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Whitton Lodge, Walterston ac i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 bresennol a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensys cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, adeiladu ffosydd a chwlferi cysylltiol newydd, cynnal a chadw draeniad y briffordd, man gweithio, swyddfeydd safle a chompownd ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol a gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 2/1, 2/1a, 2/1b, 2/1c, 2/1d, 2/1e, 2/1f, 2/1g, 2/1h, 2/1j, 2/1k, 2/1l, 2/1m, 2/1n, 2/1p, 2/1q/2/1r, 2/1s, 2/1t, 2/1u, 2/1v, 2/1w, 2/1x)

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r de o fynedfa Ymddiriedolaeth Fferm Amelia a'r ffordd ddiddosbarth yn arwain i bentref Dyffryn a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 2/2, 2/2a, 2/2b, 2/2c a 2/2d)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr, prysgdir, pwll draenio a nant wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain a'r de ddwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Whitton Lodge, Walterston ac i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 bresennol a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir a mynd yn ôl ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensys cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol a man gweithio (Plotiau 2/3, 2/3a, 2/3b, 2/3c, 2/3d, 2/3e, 2/3f, 2/3g, 2/3h, 2/3j, 2/3k, 2/3l, 2/3m, 2/3n, 2/3p, 2/3q, 2/3r, 2/3s, 2/3t, 2/3u, 2/3v, 2/3w, 2/3x a 2/3y).

YNG NGHYMUNEDAU GWENFÔ A LLANCARFAN

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r de-ddwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Whitton Lodge, Walterston ac i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 bresennol a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol, man gweithio a gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 3/1, 3/1a, 3/1b, 3/1c, 3/2, 3/2a, 3/2b, 3/2c, 3/2d, 3/2e, 3/2f, 3/2g, 3/2h, 3/2j, 3/2k, 3/2l a 3/2m)

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r gorllewin a'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â'r ffordd ddiddosbarth yn arwain at yr eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton (Plot 3/3)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain a'r gorllewin o'r A4226 bresennol ac i'r gogledd, gogledd-ddwyrain a gogledd-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol a man gweithio (Plotiau 3/4, 3/4a, 3/4b, 3/4c a 3/4d)

YNG NGHYMUNEDAU SAIN NICOLAS a THRESIMWN, LLANCARFAN A GWENFÔ

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir âr a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain a'r gorllewin o ffordd bresennol yr A4226 ac i'r gogledd, gogledd-ddwyrain a gogledd-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, man gweithio a gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 4/1, 4/1a, 4/1b, 4/1c, 4/1d, 4/1e, 4/1f, 4/2, 4/2a, 4/2b, 4/2c, 4/4, 4/4a, 4/4b, 4/4c, 4/4d, 4/4e and 4/4f)

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau hynny mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r gogledd o'i chyffordd â'r ffordd ddiddosbarth yn arwain at yr eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton, mewn tir wrth gyffordd yr A4226 a'r ffordd ddiddosbarth yn arwain at Northcliffe Cottage, yn y ffordd ddiddosbarth wedi'i lleoli i'r gogledd, dwyrain a gorllewin o Northcliffe Cottage a thir i'r gogledd-ddwyrain, dwyrain a'r gorllewin o Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton. (Plotiau 4/3, 4/3a, 4/3b, 4/3c, 4/3d, 4/3e a 4/3f)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r gorllewin o ffordd bresennol yr A4226 ac i'r dwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Fferm Grovelands, Moulton a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd (Plotiau 4/5 a 4/5a)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 ac i'r dwyrain a'r de-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton (Plotiau 4/6 a 4/6a)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 ac i'r dwyrain a'r de-ddwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Grovelands House, Moulton a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd (Plotiau 4/7, 4/7a, 4/7b, 4/7c, 4/7d a 4/7e)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori a pherth wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 ac i'r de o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol a man gweithio (Plotiau 4/8, 4/8a, 4/8b, 4/8c, 4/8d, 4/8e, 4/8f, 4/8g a 4/8h)

YNG NGHYMUNED GWENFÔ

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori yn cynnwys perth, tir mynediad a chwrs dŵr wedi'u lleoli i'r dwyrain o'r A4226 ac i'r dwyrain, de-ddwyrain a gogledd-ddwyrain o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Fferm Sutton Fach a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol a gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 5/1, 5/1a, 5/1b, 5/1c, 5/1d, 5/1e, 5/1f, 5/1g, 5/1h, 5/1j, 5/1k, 5/1l, 5/1m, 5/1n, 5/1p, 5/1q, 5/1r, 5/1s, 5/1t a 5/1u)

YNG NGHYMUNEDAU GWENFÔ, Y RHWS A'R BARRI

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori yn cynnwys perth, coetir a chwrs dŵr wedi'u lleoli i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r A4226 ac i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Y Barri a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion gosod perth a ffensydd cysylltiedig ar ffin y briffordd, ymchwiliadau tir archaeolegol, dargyfeirio cwrs dŵr, man gweithio a gwaith lliniaru (Plotiau 6/1, 6/1a, 6/1b, 6/1c, 6/1d, 6/1e, 6/1f, 6/1g, 6/1h, 6/1j, 6/1k, 6/1l a 6/1m)

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau hynny mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig a choetir sydd wedi'u lleoli arno ac i'r gogledd-ddwyrain ohono ac wedi'u lleoli i'r de a'r gogledd-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Y Barri (Plotiau 6/2 a 6/2a)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o dir pori yn cynnwys perth, coetir, cwrs dŵr, maes parcio a thrac mynediad wedi'u lleoli i'r gogledd-orllewin a'r de-orllewin o'r A4226 ac i'r gogledd-orllewin a'r de o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Y Barri (Plotiau 6/3, 6/3a, 6/3b a 6/3c, 6/4, 6/4a, 6/4b, 6/4 c, 6/4d, 6/5, 6/5a, 6/6, 6/7)

Yr holl hawliau a buddiannau hynny mewn rhannau o gerbytffordd bresennol yr A4226, llain ymyl y briffordd a thir draenio cysylltiedig sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r de o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Coleg Addysg Bellach Y Barri (Plot 7/1)

Yr holl fuddiannau mewn rhannau o barseli a darnau amrywiol o goetir yn cynnwys rhan o'r trac mynediad i Goleg Addysg Bellach Y Barri sydd wedi'u lleoli i'r gogledd-ddwyrain a'r de-orllewin o'r A4226 ac i'r de a'r de-orllewin o'r eiddo a adwaenir fel Coleg Addysg Bellach Y Barri ac i'r gogledd-orllewin o gylchfan Waycock Cross a'r hawl i fynd ar y tir at ddibenion dargyfeirio'r cwrs dŵr a phlannu (Plotiau 7/1a, 7/1b, 7/2, 7/2a, 7/2b, 7/2c, 7/3, 7/3a, 7/4 a 7/4a)

Dyddiedig: 21 Gorffennaf 2016

D Marles
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

Free advice for elderly in need

AGE CYMRU, Wales' largest and leading older people's charity, wants an age-friendly Wales, where older people are treated the same as the rest of the population, and have enough money to lead a good quality of life.

Unfortunately, 84,000 older people in Wales live in poverty – 55,000 of these in severe poverty.

If you're finding it hard to make ends meet and are worried about paying your bills, you can contact Age Cymru Advice on **08000 223 444.**

This free service provides confidential and expert bilingual advice on a range of issues, including financial matters such as Pension Credit.

You can also ask our advisors for your free copy of Age Cymru's new '*More money in your pocket*' guide to claiming benefits.

IAN THOMAS
(Chief Executive, Age Cymru)

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016
DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
GORCHYMYN FFORDD DDOSBARTHIADOL YR A4226 (FIVE MILE LANE) FFYRDD YMYL

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ('y Cyngor') wedi gwneud Gorchymyn o dan adrannau 14 a 125 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 yn awdurdodi'r Cyngor i:

(a) gwneud y gwelliannau i'r priffyrdd;
(b) cau priffyrdd neu ardaloedd o briffyrdd;
(c) adeiladu priffyrdd newydd;
(ch) cau mynedfeydd preifat i eiddo;
(d) darparu mynedfeydd newydd i eiddo; a
(dd) adeiladwaith hwylustod eraill

y cyfan yng nghyffiniau'r rhannau presennol a'r rhannau wedi'u hadlinio o ffordd ddosbarthiadol yr A4226 (Five Mile Lane) y mae'r Cyngor yn bwriadu eu hadeiladu i'r de o Fferm Blackland, Bonvilston i'w chyffordd â Chylchfan Waycock Cross, Port Road, Y Barri ym Mro Morgannwg.

Gellir gweld copïau o'r Gorchymyn ac o'r cynlluniau cysylltiedig yn ddi-dâl, yn ystod oriau rhesymol o 21 Gorffennaf 2016 hyd 2 Medi 2016, yn swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, Y Barri CF63 4RU a The Alps, Quarry Road, Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

Rhaid gwneud unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn yn ysgrifenedig i Weinidog Cymru yn yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio, Adeiladau'r Llywodraeth, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ cyn 2 Medi 2016 neu o fewn 6 wythnos o ddyddiad cyhoeddi'r hysbysiad hwn, pa gyfnod bynnag a ddaw i ben hwyraf a dylai nodi enw'r Gorchymyn a sail y gwrthwynebiad.

Dyddiad 21 Gorffennaf 2016
D Marles, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL 2016
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
A4226 (FIVE MILE LANE) CLASSIFIED ROAD SIDE ROADS ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council ('the Council') has made an Order under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 authorising the Council:

(a) to carry out the improvement of highways;
(b) to stop up highways or areas of highway;
(c) to construct new highways;
(d) to stop up private means of access to premises;
(e) to provide new means of access to premises; and
(f) associated accommodation works

all in the vicinity of the existing and realigned parts of A4226 (Five Mile Lane) classified road the Council propose to construct from land south of Blackland Farm, Bonvilston to its junction with Waycock Cross Roundabout, Port Road Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Copies of the Order and the accompanying plans may be inspected free of charge, at reasonable hours from 21 July 2016 to 2 September 2016, at the Council's offices at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU and The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe CF5 6AA.

Any objection to the Order must be made in writing to the Welsh Minister at the Planning Inspectorate, Government Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ before 2 September 2016 or within 6 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, whichever period expires later and state the title of the Order and the grounds for objection.

Dated: 21 July 2016
D Marles, Head of Legal Services

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 FIVE MILE LANE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2016

The Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council ('the Council') has made the Vale of Glamorgan (A4226 Five Mile Lane Highway Improvements) Compulsory Purchase Order 2016 ('the Order') under the Highways Act 1980 sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260. It is about to submit this Order to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation, and if confirmed the Order will authorise the Council to purchase compulsorily the land and new rights described below for the purpose of –

(i) the construction of new highway and other accommodation work, to become part of the A4226 and the improvement of the existing A4226 highway from land south of Blackland Farm, Bonvilston for a distance of 4800 metres in a southerly and then south easterly direction to the A4226 junction with Waycock Cross Roundabout, Port Road, Barry.

(ii) the construction of other highways to connect to the new highway mentioned above; the improvement of existing connecting highways; the stopping up of highways or areas of highway; the stopping up of private means of access to premises; the provision of new means of access to premises and other accommodation work in pursuance of the Vale of Glamorgan Council A4226 (Five Mile Lane) Classified Road Side Roads Order 2016 made under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980.

(iii) the provision of a new section of shared cycleway / footway adjacent to the on line highway improvements works from the vicinity of the Welsh Hawking Centre to Waycock Cross Roundabout, Port Road, Barry.

(iv) the diversions of watercourses and the carrying out of other works on watercourses in connection with the construction and improvement and realignment of highways mentioned above;

(v) use by the acquiring authority in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and the execution of other works mentioned above; and

(vi) the mitigation of any adverse effects which the existence or use of the highways proposed to be constructed or improved will have on their surroundings.

A copy of the Order and of the accompanying map may be seen during normal office hours at the Council's offices at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU and The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe CF5 6AA .

Any objection to the Order must be made in writing to the Welsh Minister at the Planning Inspectorate, Government Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ before 2 September 2016 and state the title of the Order, the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interest(s) in the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND THE NEW RIGHTS

NOTE: The land comprised in each item below is identified on the map referred to in the draft Order by means of the number or numbers against that item below.

IN THE COMMUNITIES OF ST NICHOLAS and BONVILSTON AND LLANCARFAN

All rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land located to the south and south east of the property known as Blackland Farm, Bonvilston (1/1, 1/1a, 1/1b and 1/2)

A permanent right to enter arable land including tree line and half bed of stream located south-east of Blackland Farm, Bonvilston for all purposes connected with the management of the proposed attenuation pond and outfall drainage on the east boundary of the highway (Plot 1/2a)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land, scrubland, woodland and hedgerow located on or to the north, south, south east and east of the property known as Blackland Farm, Bonvilston and the right to enter for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated temporary fencing on the east boundary of the highway (Plot 1/2b, 1/2c, 1/2d, 1/2e, 1/2f, 1/2g, 1/2h, 1/3)

IN THE COMMUNITIES OF ST NICHOLAS and BONVILSTON AND WENVOE

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land, scrubland, drainage pond and brook located to north, north east and north west of the property known as Whitton Lodge, Walterston and east of the existing A4226 and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway, construction of new connecting ditches and culverts, maintenance of highway drainage, working space, archaeological ground investigations site offices and compound and mitigation works (Plots 2/1, 2/1a, 2/1b, 2/1c, 2/1d, 2/1e, 2/1f, 2/1g, 2/1h, 2/1j, 2/1k, 2/1l, 2/1m, 2/1n, 2/1p, 2/1q/2/1r, 2/1s, 2/1t, 2/1u, 2/1v, 2/1w, 2/1x)

All rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land located to the south of the Amelia Farm Trust access and the unclassified road leading to the village of Dyffryn and the right to enter the land for the purposes of mitigation works (Plots 2/2, 2/2a, 2/2b, 2/2c and 2/2d)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land, scrubland, drainage pond and brook located to the east and south east of the property known as Whitton Lodge, Walterston and east of the existing A4226 and the right to enter and re-enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway, archaeological ground investigations and working space (Plots 2/3, 2/3a, 2/3b, 2/3c, 2/3d, 2/3e, 2/3f, 2/3g, 2/3h, 2/3j, 2/3k, 2/3l, 2/3m, 2/3n, 2/3p, 2/3q, 2/3r, 2/3s, 2/3t, 2/3u, 2/3v, 2/3w, 2/3x and 2/3y).

IN THE COMMUNITIES OF WENVOE AND LLANCARFAN

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land and hedgerow located to the south east of the property known as Whitton Lodge, Walterston and east of the existing A4226 and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway archaeological ground investigations, working space and mitigation works (Plots 3/1, 3/1a, 3/1b, 3/1c, 3/2, 3/2a, 3/2b, 3/2c, 3/2d, 3/2e, 3/2f, 3/2g, 3/2h, 3/2j, 3/2k, 3/2l and 3/2m)

All rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land located to the west and north of the junction with the unclassified road leading to the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton (Plot 3/3)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land and hedgerow located to the east and west of the existing A226 and north, north-east and north-west of the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway archaeological ground investigations and working space (Plots 3/4, 3/4a, 3/4b, 3/4c and 3/4d

IN THE COMMUNITIES OF ST NICHOLAS and BONVILSTON, LLANCARFAN AND WENVOE

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of arable land and hedgerow located to the east and west of the existing A226 and north, north-east and north-west of the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway, working space and mitigation works (Plots 4/1, 4/1a, 4/1b, 4/1c, 4/1d, 4/1e, 4/1f, 4/2, 4/2a, 4/2b, 4/2c, 4/4, 4/4a, 4/4b, 4/4c, 4/4d, 4/4e and 4/4f)

All those rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land located north of its junction with the unclassified road leading to the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton, in land at the junction of the A4226 and the unclassified road leading to Northcliffe Cottage, in the unclassified road located north, east and west of Northcliffe Cottage and land north-east, east and west of Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton. (Plots 4/3, 4/3a, 4/3b, 4/3c, 4/3d, 4/3e and 4/3f)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land and hedgerow located to the west of the existing A226 and east of the property known as Grovelands Farm, Moulton and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway (Plots 4/5 and 4/5a)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land and hedgerow located to the east of the A4226 and east and south-west of the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton (Plots 4/6 and 4/6a)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land and hedgerow located to the east of the A4226 and east and south-east of the property known as Grovelands House, Moulton and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway (Plots 4/7, 4/7a, 4/7b, 4/7c, 4/7d and 4/7e)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land and hedgerow located to the east of the A4226 and south of the property known as Northcliffe Cottage, Moulton and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway, archaeological ground investigations and working space (Plots 4/8, 4/8a, 4/8b, 4/8c, 4/8d, 4/8e, 4/8f, 4/8g and 4/8h)

IN THE COMMUNITY OF WENVOE

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land including hedgerow, access land and watercourse located to the east of the A4226 and east, south-east and north-east of the property known as Sutton Fach Farm and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway, archaeological ground investigations and mitigation works (Plots 5/1, 5/1a, 5/1b, 5/1c, 5/1d, 5/1e, 5/1f, 5/1g, 5/1h, 5/1j, 5/1k, 5/1l, 5/1m, 5/1n, 5/1p, 5/1q, 5/1r, 5/1s, 5/1t and 5/1u)

IN THE COMMUNITIES OF WENVOE, RHOOSE AND BARRY

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land including hedgerow, woodland and watercourse located to the north-east of the A4226 and north-west of the property known as New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Barry and the right to enter the land for the purposes of installation of a hedgerow and associated fencing on the boundary of the highway archaeological ground investigations, water course diversion, working space and mitigation works (Plots 6/1, 6/1a, 6/1b, 6/1c, 6/1d, 6/1e, 6/1f, 6/1g, 6/1h, 6/1j, 6/1k, 6/1l and 6/1m)

All those rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land and woodland located on it and north-east of it and located south and north-west of the property known as New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Barry (Plots 6/2 and 6/2a)

All interests in parts of various parcels and pieces of pasture land including hedgerow, woodland, watercourse, car park and access track located to the north-west and south-west of the A4226 and north-west and south of the property known as New Zoo Bungalow, Waycock Road, Barry (Plots 6/3, 6/3a, 6/3b and 6/3c, 6/4, 6/4a, 6/4b, 6/4 c, 6/4d, 6/5, 6/5a, 6/6, 6/7)

All those rights and interests in parts of the existing A4226 carriageway, highway verge and associated drainage land located to the south of the property known as Barry College of Further Education (Plot 7/1)

All interests in in parts of various parcels and pieces of woodland including part of the access track to the Barry College of Further Education located to the north-east and south-west of the A4226 and south and south-west of the property known as Barry College of Further Education and north-west of Waycock Cross roundabout and the right to enter the land for the purposes of water course diversion and planting (Plots 7/1a, 7/1b, 7/2, 7/2a, 7/2b, 7/2c, 7/3, 7/3a, 7/4 and 7/4a)

Dated: 21 July 2016
D Marles
Head of Legal Services

Hafod Housing staff's 'Wimbledon' event raised £1,256 for charities

STAFF from Vale-based housing, care and support provider Hafod raised £1,256 for their chosen charities in just nine days earlier this month.

A spokesman for the organisation explained: "Each year, staff nominate the charities they want to support and Hafod's housing team raised more than £100 for Motor Neurone Disease and Gofal with their 'Wimbledon Wednesday' event. The team tempted colleagues to donate with their tennis-themed trolley full of goodies, including fresh cream and strawberry sponge, lemon drizzle cake, lemon cup cakes, sweets and strawberries and cream, and much more.

Funds amounting to £1,034 were raised for Wales Air Ambulance by Hafod's Resources team, which organised a charity gig, featuring a Stereophonics tribute act, the Monophonics, and a raffle.

This was further boosted when a team of 15 staff raised more than £100 by completing the Cardiff Corporate 5k Challenge at Bute Park.

'Mr Sleek' loses weight, lands roles!

A DAD of four from Barry, has won theatre roles and been mistaken for actor and singer John Barrowman, since losing over 12 stone!

Now Martin Woodsford is taking on another leading role after being named Slimming World's Mr Sleek 2016, by opening a Slimming World group of his own in Barry.

At his heaviest Martin weighed more than 27st and suffered a string of health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, sciatica and severe back pain, which left him fearing he wouldn't be around to see his children grow up.

Since dropping to 14st 2lbs and losing 12 inches from his waist, the 44-year-old has fallen back in love with musical theatre and now embracing a new role as a Slimming World consultant.

Martin says his weight problems began after an abusive childhood and he fluctuated in size throughout his teens, 20s and early 30s. However, it was after his triplets were born in 2008 that he saw his weight increase dramatically.

Martin said: "They were born three months premature and suffered varying degrees of health problems. It was a very difficult time and I practically lived at the hospital, so my eating habits suffered badly."

As time went on, Martin's weight impacted on his physical and emotional health. He suffered from depression and said: "Because of all of my health issues I was a regular visitor to hospital, I was in a bad way. I was so ashamed of myself that I didn't want to leave the house, and I had no energy to do anything so I'd just sit on the sofa and eat junk food every night. It was a vicious cycle."

However, after trying Slimming World at home, he knew that the support from enrolling in a class would be the secret of his success, so he joined his local class in January 2012 and says he hasn't looked back since!

"I thought about the way the triplets had fought for their lives and I knew it was time for me to start fighting for me. I didn't want to leave any of my children without a father."

He said: " When I first joined, I was shy and embarrassed so I sat at the back and didn't speak to anyone to start with but staying in class helped me immensely – the love and support from my consultant and the family atmosphere of the group was so unlike any other I had tried before.

" The plan was easy to follow and more importantly – I was never hungry!"

Martin soon discovered that food optimising was a world away from the restrictive diets and quick-fixes he had tried before – including diet pills.

He swapped junk food dinners for healthy home-cooked meals, including his favourite homemade chicken tikka masala with boiled rice, and found he could still enjoy treats too.

Martin said: "What I love about food optimising is that it's not a diet; it's completely sustainable and nothing is off-limits."

Since joining Slimming World, Martin, who works with adults with learning difficulties and runs his own cake-making business Cake Sera Sera!, has lost 10st. His health has improved dramatically – he no longer has any diabetes symptoms and doesn't need medication for any of his previous complaints, he's got a whole new wardrobe, and he's had the confidence to take and pass his driving test.

He's also taken on a new role of becoming a Slimming World consultant to help and inspire others on their weight loss goals.

He added: "I was so chuffed to be crowned Slimming World's Mr Sleek and now I feel honoured to be able to play a small part in helping others achieve their weight loss dreams, whatever they are.

"Losing weight really is easy with Slimming World and trust me, if I can do it – absolutely anyone can."

Martin's Slimming World group officially opens at Buttrills Community Centre this Saturday at 9.30am. The Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, will be attending the event.

Contact Martin on 07827 445570 for further information.

Martin Woodsford, BEFORE...

...and AFTER!

Prince's Fund to come to the aid of small family farms

VULNERABLE farm businesses across the UK are to benefit from a major new scheme launched today (Thursday, July 21) by The Prince's Countryside Fund.

Supported by HRH The Prince of Wales, the charity's Patron, the 'Prince's Farm Resilience Programme' aims to provide business support and one-to-one guidance to 300 farm businesses each year across the UK, as well as giving them the tools to evaluate their viability and long-term sustainability.

Building on the success of The Prince's Dairy Initiative, which has helped strengthen the UK dairy supply chain since 2012, the £1.5 million five-year programme, developed by The Prince's Countryside Fund, launches during National Countryside Week, following research earlier this month which showed a steep decline in the number of small family farms.

Small and medium-sized family farms have experienced unprecedented strain and in 2015, the average farm income fell below £20,000 for the first time since 2007.

Their ability to survive economically is now so challenged that one in five are unable to pay their short term debts. In response, many are fighting the tide through innovation and diversifying their businesses into new areas, such as leisure and tourism.

Now, a national steering group of industry experts has joined together with a wide range of local and specialist organisations to deliver business management workshops, develop online resources and deliver 15 sustainable local networks of farm businesses to improve efficiency and increase profitability on farms.

Speaking about the launch of the programme, The Prince of Wales said: "The small farms which have been such an integral part of Britain's landscape for thousands of years are under threat.

"My Farm Resilience Programme is designed to respond to those threats by helping up to 300 hard to reach, vulnerable farm businesses. It is the most far-reaching programme ever offered by my Countryside Fund."

Claire Saunders, the director of The Prince's Countryside Fund, said: "There has never been a more important time for practical action to help farm businesses. On top of the everyday problems for farmers, new and more life-changing decisions are now required.

"Small farms add vibrancy and strength to rural communities and ensure that we have a diverse farming sector.

"By offering this programme we will provide many farmers with new skills to cope with the increasing financial, technical and human challenges they face.

"The ultimate target has to be ensuring that we retain a varied and viable farming sector and nurture an essential part of our national identity by helping farms to make the most of their business."

In a bid to respond to contemporary challenges and identify ways to increase the viability of family farming, a recent report by the fund proposed a series of 17 recommendations which include:

- Improvements to financial management, technical knowledge and market knowledge.
- A need to upskill through targeted advice and training, as well as encouraging farmers to share best practice and analyse success.
- Improve economic resilience by shortening the supply chain and increasing profits.
- Invest in succession planning and develop initiatives to attract new blood into agriculture.

Recruitment for the Farm Resilience Programme will begin in September and workshops will run between December 2016 and March 2017 in locations across Wales, England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

To find out more, visit www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk or email madeleine.fitzgerald@bitc.org.uk

First Minister puts case for fair funding to Prime Minister

FIRST Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones AM, welcomed new Prime Minister Theresa May to Wales on Monday and called for fair funding and a proper, lasting devolution settlement for Wales.

During the meeting, the First Minister stressed the importance of remaining focused on safeguarding the long-term future for the steel industry in Wales.

Mr Jones, who is also the AM for Bridgend, set out the importance of Wales playing a full and active role in the forthcoming EU negotiations, and called on the Prime Minister to guarantee that the current levels of funding Wales receives from the EU will remain post-Brexit.

Commenting on the first meeting between the two, the First Minister said: "Today's meeting with Prime Minister Theresa May was a constructive and positive start to our working relationship.

"It was a useful opportunity to talk openly with the Prime Minister about the full role Wales must play in the forthcoming negotiations about the UK's exit from the EU.

"I once again called for the UK Government to guarantee that the £600m of invaluable funding we currently receive from the EU will continue to flow to Wales after the UK's exit takes place.

"My immediate focus remains on securing a sustainable future for Wales' steel industry and I am encouraged by Mrs May's commitment to supporting the industry. We have agreed to continue to work together to do all we can to do ensure the Tata's UK plants remain open and Welsh jobs are secured."

Mrs May also met Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies who said she was a "fantastic champion for Wales".

Top 10 walks

A NEW pocket-size book highlighting 10 short, circular walks along the south Wales section of the Wales Coast Path is now available.

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Llancarfan ladies will get lesson in lavender!

THE next meeting of the Llancarfan Ladies Tuesday Club is on July 26 at 7.45pm and the speaker will be Mrs Pat Summers, the 'Lavender Lady', who will demonstrate the uses of lavender and explain some of its history.

Llancarfan Ladies Tuesday Club was founded in October 1969 as a social club for the village and to raise funds for charities.

It has done this very successfully, having raised more than £25,000 and given to over 50 local organisations, such as Air Ambulance, RNLI, Coastguards, Mencap, Holme Towers, Help For Heroes, Velindre Hospital and Barry Beavers, to name but a few.

All this has been achieved with an average membership of 15 for many years. This, unfortunately, is now down to seven.

If new members are not forthcoming, the club will have to close as it will be unable to support itself, and inviting speakers for such a small turnout is not encouraging for the Speaker.

If any ladies would like to come along to our next meeting, they will be made most welcome.

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STUDENTS AND CHOIR IN A 'SUMMER SHOWCASE'

CROSSWAY Methodist Church, Barry was the venue on Friday, July 8 when students of conductor, Emma Arscott, and well-known soprano, Anne Wilkins, accompanied by Sian Davies, assisted Barry Community Choir in its 'summer showcase' concert.

The younger students, Michael Monckton, Elin Davies and Eliza Brookes performed well above their years, whilst the older students, Camille Danielson, Madison Asbury and Claudia Perry are certainly musical 'stars' and names to be looked out for in the future.

The choir performed old favourites and some new repertoire, including the delightful 'A Complete History of Western Music (abridged),' a rib-tickling and tongue-twisting piece, which ended the concert.

everyone was treated to a wealth of refreshments after the concert, courtesy of choir members. A great end to a splendid evening.

The choir is always looking for new members – call in to the church any Wednesday evening from 7.30pm or call 01446 748724/029 2053 1359 or email: info@barrycommunitychoir.com.

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Plaid coffee

THE summer coffee morning arranged by Plaid Cymru councillors will be held on Saturday, July 23 in the Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys.

Free coffee and Welsh cakes are available from 11am to 12 noon.

Under discussion will be the many planning applications that affect Dinas Powys, the long-awaited new junction at Cross Common Bridge and the future of the library; also changes to the garden, recycling and waste collection service.

Alternatively, Plaid county councillors can be contacted as follows: Chris Franks 07725 497423; familyfranks@btinternet.com.

Val Hartrey 02920 513274; valhartrey@talktalk.net.

Keith Hatton 07749 825751; khatton263@btinternet.com.

Community Choir

BARRY Community Choir is holding a coffee morning at 'Sea Breezes', 8 Maesycoed, The Knap, Barry, CF62 6SZ on Saturday, July 23 at 10.30am; suggested donation £2. There will also be a raffle.

Everyone is invited to support the choir, who apart from two major concerts annually, frequently entertain residents of residential care homes in the area.

Social services' tough triathlon raises funds to fight misconceptions

Participants in the challenge in Barry.

SOCIAL services employees from the Vale Council, have teamed up with service users and friends to complete a physically challenging mini triathlon fundraiser.

The inaugural fundraising event was organised by Hên Goleg League of Friends (charity to The Vale Council's Social Services provision) and New Horizons Day Service, a service for adults with a physical disabilities.

The aim was to cover the 262km distance from Barry to London by swimming, cycling and walking/running locally. After the event, the goal had been easily surpassed and an amazing final distance of 576km was achieved.

The event catered for all abilities, with 28 out of the 46 participants having a disability and 12 wheelchair users. Over a period of two weeks, clients at New Horizons completed their cycling and walking elements in the day centre gym using specialised equipment and took part in supported swims at Barry Leisure Centre during weekly sessions.

The mini triathlon event itself consisted of a 500m swim, a 5km cycle and a 5km walk/run along Ffordd Y Mileniwm, and six Vale Council members of staff took up the challenge. There was also a group walk with 29 participants, several of whom were wheelchair competitors, clients with walking impairments, friends and supporters with learning disabilities.

Lance Carver, head of social services, commented after taking part in the event: "What an amazing achievement. I am lucky to be in the privileged position of working with staff and service users like these. The event was incredibly well organised and inclusive, and challenged misconceptions about disabilities, which is exactly what all our services should be aspiring to do".

The event was made possible with help from Barry Leisure Centre, Barry Brewers Fayre, Pinit Building & Civil Engineering, Stokes General Builders, Woodland Electricals, GRABit, Woodlands Day Centre, New Horizons and St John Cymru Wales.

The funds raised by the triathlon will go towards the purchase of an additional Thera Trainer, an Active/Passive Exerciser costing £3,700. So far, the event has raised in the region of £1,500.

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Family Notices

HARVEY
Arthur Sampson

The funeral service will take place at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, July 26 at 11.45am, afterwards at Coychurch Crematorium (and not 11.15am as previously stated by the funeral director).

HARDING
Beatrice Joyce

Passed away peacefully on July 7 at St David's Hospital, Beatrice Joyce, aged 89 years of The Pastures, previously of Atlantic Place, Barry.
Beloved wife of the late Reginald Hugh, dearly loved mother of Jane, Stephen, David and mother-in-law of Dennis and Rachel. Cherished grandmother of Andrew, Tony, Callum, Kyle and great grandmother of Christina. Sister to Dorothy, Marion and Muriel.
Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Wednesday, July 27.
Service at St Cadoc's Church, Cadoxton, Barry at 10.30am; afterwards interment at Barry Cemetery.

MADDOCKS
John Burdett

After a short illness at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on July 12 - John, aged 85 years, beloved husband of Yvonne and devoted father to Lesley.
John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home until the funeral service at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, on Monday, July 25 at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.
Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired for Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

DRAISEY
Francis Peter

Peacefully in hospital on July 4, 2016, Peter of Llantwit Major.
Beloved husband of Meryl and dearly loved father of Helen and her husband Clive. He was a much loved grandfather of James and Rhiannon, Richard and Elizabeth and loving Grandy to Sam.
Resting at WA Brown & Son, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service on Friday, July 29, in Coychurch Crematorium at 10.30am.
No flowers by request, but donations may be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Home (cheques only, please).

HAMBER
Gareth

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Gareth on July 16 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.
Beloved husband of Anne, much loved father of Jane and Richard. Respected father in law of Duncan and Fong. A proud and loving grandfather to his girls, Gracie, Annie and Lia.
A loved brother and friend who will be so greatly missed.
Gareth is in the care of The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island on Tuesday, July 26 at 1.45pm, and afterwards at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.
Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.
Funeral arrangements entrusted to Nicola Ellis 01446 407962.

ROSSER
Gerald James

Peacefully on July 11 in Portugal after illness bravely fought. Gerald, aged 83, formerly of Talyfan Close, Cowbridge. Dearly loved husband of the late Judith. Much loved father of James, Philip & Stephen. Beloved father-in-law to Pamela, Judith & Saskia. Adored grandfather to Claire, Jessica, Christopher & Michael. Dearest loved brother of Alan, brother-in-law to Betty, John & Margaret.
Gerald will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will be held at Holy Cross, Cowbridge on Friday, July 29 at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/James-Rosser1

HAWKINS
Sheila Ann

Peacefully, on July 15 at her home after courageously facing her illness. She will be missed by her loving husband Clive, her daughters Yvonne, Julie and the late Beverly, son in laws Colin and Wayne, all her loving grandchildren and the late Johnathan and all her friends.
Resting at DH Wilde Chapel of Rest, Mawdlam until the funeral on Monday, July 25, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Bridgeman Road, Penarth. Enquiries to Brian Thomas Funeral Director on 01656 668967.

HANIGAN
Ray

Ray sadly passed away on July 9. A devoted husband to Judith, a much loved father, grampy, son, brother and friend.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.
Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, July 21 at 2.45pm, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be made at the service to support Velindre Cancer Centre in memory of Ray.
Further enquiries, contact Lyndsay Ellis on 01446 407962

RENDALL
Norman Samuel John

Peacefully at home surrounded by all his loving family on July 10, Norman in his 95th year (former proprietor of Barry Advertiser), dearly beloved husband of Helen for 71 years, much loved dad of Ann, Joan and the late Alan, father-in-law of Ray, Anne and the late John, adored granddad and grampy to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
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HUGHES
Arthur

Formerly of Wenvoe and Penarth, Arthur passed away after a short illness on July 11, aged 93 years. Beloved husband of the late Marie Hughes.
Arthur will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
The funeral service is to be held on Tuesday, July 26, at Thornhill Crematorium, Briwnant Chapel at 1.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie.
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Robert William

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Wishing you lots of love and best wishes in your future together.

All our love, Mum and Wayne, Nathan and Jaslyn, Rod and Tess, Holly and Lee, Alfie, Harry and Elsie; and all the best from Sharon, Taff and family.

With pride, much love, Dad.
XXX

Anniversary

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Allen & Sandra on your

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Carole & David Pope

On your Golden Wedding Anniversary

Hope you had a lovely time in Cuba.

Lots of love from Mandy, Bob, Scott and Sophie xxx

Celebrating 50 Years

Landlords receive road safety award after tackling problem

RECENTLY, Vale landlords Jennie and Digby Rees were presented with the Road Safety Wales Award 2016 in recognition of their continuing awareness of road safety in the rural village of Peterston-super-Ely.

In the early 1990s, Jennie and Digby became alarmed by the congestion surrounding St Bride's Road – the main road through the village – during the local primary school's start and finish times.

As many of the school's pupils came from outside the village, the narrow roads became congested with an increasing number of parents dropping their children off for school, and they would then have to cross the busy roads to get to their lessons.

With the safety of pupils in mind, Jennie and Digby approached the head teacher and governors of Peterston-super-Ely Primary School, and offered the use of their parking facilities at the Three Horse Shoes for parents' vehicles at the beginning and end of the school day.

This arrangement soon saw the problems posed by the traffic reduced, and, in 2007, the arrangement was further improved when a school crossing patrol site was established outside the public house, providing a pedestrian crossing point. This proved to be the final link in creating a safe walking route between the pub's car park and the school, but could only be retained while permission to use the car park was sustained.

Coun Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member, and Coun Rhodri Traherne, the local ward member for Peterston-super-Ely, were on hand to show their appreciation, with Coun King saying of the award: "This has proven to be a magnanimous gesture by Jenny and Digby Rees, one that has markedly improved congestion in the area.

"It is a great privilege to have been able to award this road safety award to them, as they have contributed, not only to road safety, but to community spirit."

Three Horseshoes' road safety award.

'Trim trail' is the latest bonus from school's PTA

Trying out the new trim trail.

FAIRS, quizzes, sponsored events, film nights, fancy dress competitions and raffles… just some of the fundraising activities undertaken in the primary school part of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry to help buy playground equipment for the pupils.

Hazel Evans, chair of the Parent and Teachers Association said: "Our PTA is known as 'Cryf' which means strong in Welsh and really sums up the fantastic relationship between home and school that we have at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

"The pupils had loads of fun taking part in the activities and parents have really got behind what we are trying to do, joining in with lots of social events. It's been really good having the goal of items for the playground to focus on.

"As well as the 'trim trail' climbing frame that has recently been installed, we've also raised enough to buy other things such as football goals and sporting materials. These little extras all help make playtimes and PE lessons fun for everyone and get the thumbs-up from the kids.

"The school still has a long wish list for us to turn our attention to, such as items for the other playground and IT equipment.

"I would like to thank everyone who has been involved so far – including many local businesses who made generous contributions – and encourage everyone to keep up the great work.

"If anyone is interested in contributing in any way, I'd love to hear from you and can be contacted via email: nanttalwgpta@hotmail.co.uk or we're on Twitter and Facebook".

Primrose bids Llantwit Major Pensioners farewell

PRIMROSE Goldsworthy has finished as secretary of the Llantwit Major Pensioners' Club, and has moved to Devon.

Primrose's last evening was a buffet arranged by members and the entertainment was provided by Barry Ladies' Choir, who gave a lovely entertaining evening with a jazz element, and they finished with 'Till We Meet Again'.

Primrose was presented with gift vouchers and Lorraine Reid (chairwoman) gave a vote of thanks.

The following week was the last of Primrose's organised trips to Tyntesfield. We set off on a lovely July summer day and arrived at Tyntesfield where we were welcomed by staff, and also by the electric mobility scooter which was prebooked.

We then had a tour of the lovely Gothic house, and the walled and kitchen gardens. The area was well landscaped and there was a courtesy bus to drive between the various areas.

We arrived home at about 6.15pm and feeling very pleased with the day out. Primrose wished the club well, and hoped they would give Marilyn (her successor) continued support and hoped that the club would continue from strength to strength.

PG

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Riding high with the South Wales Police!

ABOVE: Riding police horse Samson (centre) is Jayne James.

ONE of the highlights of my year as High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan was to spend a morning with the staff of the mounted section of South Wales Police and the stars of the show, the police horses.

It was wonderful to see the well-organised policing operation that so complements other police departments throughout the force.

Not only are these fine animals able to be a calming influence during public events, but they are a vital tool when officers have to cut through certain areas that police vehicles find more difficult.

This was explained by Steph, one of the instructors who gave us a tour of the stables in March. She described an incident where two of the mounted police team had been patrolling Cardiff and had been alerted to reports of a missing person in the area of woodland.

They were able to locate the body of the missing person in woods, at a location inaccessible by police vehicles.

Of course, they act as a visible deterrent on dangerous operations such as a riot, but they are also a welcome sight to many of us on sporting, public or state occasions with their kind eyes, groomed coats and gleaming tack ready to be of service whatever the task.

I was fortunate to ride Samson, one of the more senior horses, who was as strong as his name, but beautifully mannered. Exercising him in the police ménage attached to the stables at Waterton was a complete treat and a morning to remember.

JAYNE JAMES
(High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan 2015-16)

Opening of the Barry big wheel comes round

SECRETARY of State for Wales Alun Cairns has described the new ferris wheel at Barry Island Pleasure Park as having the potential to become an 'icon of Barry'.

Mr Cairns made the comments while taking a preview ride on the wheel, due to open to the public this week, dubbing the attraction the 'Barry Eye' and saying that it could be a 'huge attraction' for tourism to the Island. The MP also praised funfair owner Henry Danter for his continuing investment in the Island – expected to reach £20 million over five years.

The 20-carriage wheel was due to open at the start of the summer season, but had been delayed by technical issues, which are now resolved. Following the completion of health and safety tests, which have particular importance because of the strong winds which blow into the Island, the Barry Eye will be open to all.

Alun Cairns and Henry Danter enjoy the view from the Barry Eye.

It is the biggest ferris wheel in Wales and will offer views across Whitmore Bay and the Bristol Channel.

Said Mr Cairns: "I was really pleased to be given a preview of the Barry Eye, which will quickly become an icon of the town. It has the best views of any ferris wheel in the UK and will be a huge attraction to the Island.

"The ongoing development of the Pleasure Park, thanks to the continual investment of Henry Danter is heartening to see. He has transformed the place and I am honoured to have been given the first go on this particularly important ride.

Mr Danter said: "At long last we have succeeded in getting the Barry Eye working. It will be a very popular go-to ride which I hope will be really appreciated by visitors to the island."

BARRY ISLAND – OR BUSK!

AN overcast, but joyous, day for all participants and audiences of the 'Barry Island Busk' on Saturday (July 16) as they sang and drummed their hearts out to raise £211.41 for Wateraid.

The choirs included St Helen's Children's Choir 'Newport Mind', Porthkerry Singers, Oasis Asylum Seekers music group with expert drummer and musician Severin from The Congo, Chapter Singers of Chapter Arts Centre and Cardiff Canton Singers.

The whole day culminated in a 'Big Sing' near Marco's involving 75 singers and drummers whose spirits were not at all dampened by the oncoming rain!

LAURA BRADSHAW

'Happy 20th birthday, Valeways!'

Derek Brockway shares a joke with Jane Hutt AM, Phil Gibbins (trustees' chairman), Val Warlow (Valeways founder member) and Coun Charlotte Williams (Barry Town Mayor).

ON Saturday, July 16 the walking and countryside access charity, Valeways, celebrated its 20th birthday in style.

A large number of Valeways supporters, walkers, friends and volunteers attended a birthday party held at the Forest Lodge, Porthkerry country park, Barry.

In addition, and in the true spirit of the charity, four walking groups started their walks from four different places in the Vale all arriving at the lodge in time for the party.

On arrival, each group was greeted by Valeways' new honorary president, Derek Brockway. Phil Gibbins, Valeways chairman said that Valeways was delighted when Derek accepted the invitation to be president.

He added: "Not only is Derek a familiar face on our television screens, but he has embraced walking and has inspired many with his television series *Weatherman Walking*. His involvement and support will certainly raise the profile of Valeways and we look forward to him accompanying us on future walks."

Phil also added that it is always a good idea to have someone who might be able to pull a few strings weather-wise as well!

Derek, a 'Barry Boy', talked to all present about his love of walking throughout Wales, but particularly round his local 'patch' and was very appreciative of the work Valeways is doing to improve pathways, create interesting routes and encourage walking as a valuable exercise throughout the Vale.

Wearing his newly acquired Valeways cap, he proceeded to cut the special birthday cake.

What's on and where?

Open day in Old Cogan

ST Peter's Church, Old Cogan – believed to be the oldest building in Penarth – will stage its annual open day this Saturday, July 23, from 2pm – to be opened by the deputy Town Mayor, Coun Tracey Alexander.

There will be a jazz band and many stalls and activities, along with refreshments.

Porthcawl Farmers Market

THE market will be held thisSaturday, July 23 at Awel y Mor community hall in Porthcawl.

The usual array of quality locally produced foods will be available and there is still space for producers at the market.

Contact Mike Pett, the market co-ordinator on 01656 658963.

Horeb Chapel events

COME and join in the fun at Horeb Baptist Chapel, Dinam Close, Nant-y-moel, for 'To the Edge Space Camp' with Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, competitions and prizes; for children from five to 13.

It runs from July 26-29, at 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Also at Horeb Chapel on Mondays at 4pm, the summer family film matinee takes place. The forthcoming films are: *Rocket Man*, July 25; *Brave*, August 1; *Frozen*, August 8; *The Incredibles*, August 15 and *Enchanted* on August 22.

Call Pastor Chris Bluto for details on 01443 675424 or email chris_bluto@yahoo.co.uk.

Llantwit Major Horticultural Society

THE society's July speaker will be Mrs Sheena Crossley, who will give a presentation on 'Gardening Made Easier'.

This is an opportunity for all gardeners to come along to the Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, July 27.

For further information visit our website: www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com.

Holiday clubs in Barry

THE Go-Global holiday clubs for primary age (5-11) children contain fun, games, songs and Bible memory challenges. Booking for the clubs is essential, and this summer will take place at:

St John Methodist Church, Barry Island, from July 26 to 28 inclusive, from 10am –12.30pm (£2 per day).

The Gathering Place Church and community centre in St Athan, August 1 to 3 inclusive, from 10am – 12.30pm (£2 per day).

Crossway Methodist Church, Barry. August 9 and 10, from 10am – 11.30am (£1 per day).

For more information contact Deacon Sam Taylor, on 01446 406262 or deaconsam@live.co.uk

There will also be a 'Sports Academy' holiday Club at Barry Uniting Church, The Waterfront (next to the medical centre) from August 2 to 6 inclusive, from 10am – 12pm. £1.50 per day or £5 for the whole week. For information on this contact Revs Phil and Carole Challis on 01446 678730 or vogsuper@gmail.com.

Taff Trail cycle challenge

REGISTRATION is now open for the Ty Hafan Taff Trail challenge.

There are three options: Tough Taff cycle challenge – 157km Cardiff to Brecon and back (September 3 – 4); full Taff Trail – 79km Brecon to Cardiff (September 4); or the half Taff Trail – 41km from Merthyr to Cardiff (September 4).

Register your team now at www.thetafftrail.co.uk.

Ten good reasons to visit the Vale Show!

AS excitement starts to build with the popular Vale Show set to take place on August 10 at Fonmon, here are 10 good reasons for visiting the annual rural showpiece.

1. 20,000 people visit the show each year – they must be on to something, and we have the biggest one-day agricultural show in Wales on our doorstep.

2. There is more for families to do and see at the show than ever before – extras this year include the Countryside ring, Army climbing wall and fun activities, Glamorgan Cricket interactive stand, the famous Quack Pack, and new picnic and play zone – plus a visit from Peppa Pig.

3. There's a huge range of classes for horses, sheep, cattle, poultry and dogs; you can see the prize-winning animals in the Grand Parade in the main ring at 3pm.

4. If you need an adrenaline fix, then there's the Stannage International Stunt Team in the main ring at 4pm.

5. Shop 'til you drop – the shopping mall, over 200 trade stands, and if you're looking for something different there's the fantastic craft fair!

6. If you like the dogs on show, then come and see the Rockwood animal display team perform in the main ring.

7. Have something delicious for your lunch: the award-winning Vale Farmers' Market food court. The best of local food is for sale here.

8. Take the chance to learn about farming in the Vale – visit the stand run by the Cows On Tour team and the Young Farmers. Find out where your food comes from as they tell the farming story. Back Welsh Farming.

9. You simply won't believe the giant vegetables unless you see them! Come to the horticulture marquee – we guarantee that you will be amazed.

10. Finish the day with the fast and furious hunt scurry – there are sure to be thrills and spills.

And the best news of all is that you can buy discounted tickets in advance of the show.

See the website: www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk or check on Facebook for updates

Sarah Fenner

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Rottweiler get-together planned

A 'ROTTWEILER party' will be held at Cosmeston Lakes on Saturday, July 23 at 4pm.

Organisers say that it will be an opportunity to let people know what a "wonderful, misunderstood breed it is."

The event is open to other breeds, too.

YOUNGSTERS 'TODDLE' FOR BARNARDO'S CYMRU

THE Cowbridge fundraising branch of Barnardo's Cymru staged its annual 'Big Toddle' at Y Bont Faen Primary School on Friday (July 8).

The youngest children (pictured) set off at 1.30pm, while some of the older ones took part in the walk first thing in the morning.

'Talking Points': guests announced

BBC BROADCASTER Roy Noble, Only Men Aloud's founding musical director Tim Rhys-Evans and national poet of Wales, Gillian Clarke, are guests at this year's Barry Arts 'Talking Points' series, which takes place next week in Barry High Street.

Mr Noble has one of the best-known voices in Wales, having presented on Radio Wales for more than three decades and he will be speaking at 5pm on Monday, July 25.

Tim Rhys Evans is a former vocal tutor at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and a member of the Gorsedd of Bards. He has recently made a documentary investigating attitudes and treatment of mental health issues in society and will be speaking at 5pm on Wednesday, July 27.

Barry-born poet Gillian Clarke is the national poet of Wales, a position she has held since 2008.

At 5pm on Friday, July 29, she will be reading from her award-winning collections of poetry, some of which are based on her experiences growing up in Barry – including the time a ship's cargo of oranges washed up on the shore. Gillian's poetry can be seen on the walls of Barry library and on the Waterfront.

All three 'Talking Points' events are at the Grind House, 86 High Street at 5pm and last one hour. Entry is £5, including coffee and cake. To reserve a place, contact 07982 319456.

THE ISLE OF FIRE RETURNS TO BARRY

The fire garden.

AWARD-winning Isle of Fire returns to Barry Island this weekend to transform the island into a fiery landscape, with light and sounds from Spark! a group of high-impact drummers, amazing choreography and dazzling costumes.

New to this year's fire garden is the addition of the Flaming Cauldron. This centrepiece is set to wow the crowds as it travels down the promenade throughout the evening's events.

There os no entry fee and it starts at 9pm. The Isle of Fire kicks off the Barry Island Weekenders programme – six weekends of family fun at Barry Island.

For more information, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/whatson.

RNLI rescues woman from drowning

BARRY Dock RNLI lifeboat crew have rescued a female swimmer off Jacksons Bay, Barry Island, on July 18.

The alarm was raised by her friends on the beach after she entered the water having enjoyed a few drinks together on the beach. Her friends became concerned when she was lost from sight.

The lifeboat crew was called to the scene shortly before 7pm on Monday. The coastguard helicopter was also scrambled and the lifeboat crew launched both the bigger 'all-weather' lifeboat and the smaller inshore 'boarding' boat stationed at Barry.

Within minutes, the woman was rescued from the sea and was pulled into the boarding boat.

She was transferred to the all-weather lifeboat for first aid, then brought ashore before being transferred into the care of paramedics.

Police and coastguards were also on scene.

Hugh Davies, deputy coxswain: said 'despite the warm weather, the seas around our coast remain cold and cold water shock can kill.

"The dangers of swimming after drinking alcohol are well known so we remind everyone to respect the water this summer."

On Saturday, July 16, crew were called out to assist a 41-foot sailing yacht with a broken engine. Although the yacht was able to continue under sail to Cardiff barrage, Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat worked with Penarth RNLI lifeboat to take it safely through the lock at Cardiff Bay and onto her mooring.

News from Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club

BELLE VUE Bowling Club lost in the Munro Cup to Barry Romilly Bowling Club on July 13 at Barry by 95-41, three rinks losing a tied rink 13 points to one point.

Rink one lost 12-18: lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 Richard Brant, No 3 Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two lost 33-4: lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was John Whitfield and the skip was Colin Scammell.

Rink three, good come back, tied game (15-15): lead was captain Frank Keen, No 2 was Gordon Ford; No 3 was Paul Paterson and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink four lost 10-29: lead was Richard Fitzjohn, back from France with the Welsh team; No 2 was Dave Smith; No 3 was Len Fowler and the skip was Dave Miller.

Belle Vue had a nice win at Belle Vue against Caerphilly Social Bowling Club in Saturday's Cardiff League Match to keep us in touch with league leaders: 12 points to two points. 78 shots to 73 shots – another close game for us; three rinks winning and one defeat.

Rink one won 24-15: lead was Richard Fitzjohn; No 2 was Dave Smith; No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was a very happy captain, Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two won 25-15: lead was Gerry Field; No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell; skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three won 20-11: lead was Rowland Fletcher; No 2 was Richard Brant; No 3 was Len Fowler; skip Trevor Ford.

Rink four lost 9-32: lead was Dave Rappitt; No 2 was Gordon Ford; No 3 was Frank Keen; skip Paul Paterson.

A big thank you to Tracey Thomas for looking after everyone at tea time and to husband Malcolm for getting all the food ready and all the other things involved in making a game of it!

Bellu Vue revenge in Cup

BELLE VUE got its revenge over local rivals, Penarth (Rectory Road) Bowling Club in the Alun Martin's Cup on July 17.

Belle Vue has now progressed to the semi-finals, one rink winning and one losing in a close match.

We won by five shots overall: rink one won by six shots, the lead was Richard Fitzjohn; No 2 was Gerry Field; No 3 was Dave Miller; and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas; final score, 22-16.

Rink two lost one shot on the last end, 18-17. Lead was Rowland Fletcher; No 2 was Frank Keen and No 3 was Len Fowler. The skip was Trevor Ford.

Belle Vue is waiting to find out which team it will play in the semi-final.

FRANK KEEN

Beer and cider festival

THE Old Swan Inn in Llantwit Major is holding a beer and cider festival on Friday, July 22, through till the evening of Sunday, July 24.

It starts at lunchtime on Friday with the opening of the first keg. During the festival, food will be served until late with many choices available from The Old Swan's kitchen.

The festival will include a plethora of different ales and ciders from the likes of Ramsbury, Titanic and Wickwar, and Welsh brewers including VOG.

The Old Swan Inn's manager, Nathan Rees, said: "As usual, we've got a wide range of beers and ciders on tap from a vast range of different breweries, many of them local, and we're expecting a great turnout. We can't wait!"

The pub, which dates back to the 12th century, is part of the Knife & Fork Food group, which also includes The Conway in Pontcanna, The Pilot in Penarth and their latest venture, The Discovery, in Cyncoed.

AM supports 'Workout at Work' campaign

ASSEMBLY Member for South Wales Central, David Melding, took part in the 'Workout at Work' campaign with a stroll along Penarth esplanade.

The campaign, organised by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, promotes physical and mental wellbeing in the work environment, by encouraging employees to develop healthier work habits so sickness absence is reduced.

Mr Melding said: "As a keen walker, I was pleased to support the campaign. We can all go for a short walk in our lunch break and it is good to get away from our desks. Despite the drizzle, I and my office staff participated and we all enjoyed getting a breath of fresh air."

He added that: "The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy has come up with a great way of showing how easy it is to make a difference to work habits, helping both the employee and the employer in the long term. It can only be a good thing if the sickness absence rate drops and it is so simple for everyone to participate in this campaign."

Ex-lifeboat in blaze drama

BARRY Dock RNLI lifeboat was called to a boat on fire in the Bristol Channel on Thursday, July 14.

It had started on board a 45-foot ex-Watson-class lifeboat now in private use. Burnham-on-Sea inshore lifeboat was also called to help.

When the Barry lifeboat arrived, the crew of the Watson lifeboat of Burnham-on-Sea had put the fire out. A lifeboat crew member went aboard the boat, which was not drifting and without engines.

When it had been confirmed that the fire had been made safe and the crew of the fire-damaged lifeboat were safe and well, the bigger Barry boat towed the stricken vessel back to harbour.

Appeal after collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a serious collision which took place on Gladstone Road, Barry, last week.

It took place at 1.35 pm on Wednesday July 13.

The police say a white Ford Fiesta van collided with a parked and unattended black Peugeot 107. The Peugeot was pushed backwards into a white Ford Transit van, which was stationary a short distance away.

A police spokesman said: "A passenger alighting from the Transit van sustained serious injuries."

South Wales Police is appealing for any witnesses to the collision or anyone who may have witnessed the manner of driving of the white Ford Fiesta prior to the incident to contact South Wales Police by calling 101 and quoting incident number 1600262644.

Sea View Lads are rescuers!

THE Sea View Lads fishing machine has been in action over the past month with anglers fishing local shores and distant marks.

Local fishing has been inconsistent, but in spite of this, the lads have managed to find nice specimens including bass, hounds and eels making most of the big weights.

However, a small band ventured to the Arctic Circle in early July to see if they could find more fish. They were rewarded with plenty of specimens, including cod to 40lb for Dan Ladner and coalfish to 30lb for Steve Doble.

Poor weather conditions hampered fishing but in spite of this, cod, coalfish and halibut well in the double figures were plentiful and many anglers recorded personal bests and new species.

Biggest catch of the lot perhaps was made by the dedicated boat anglers fishing on *Benjoma 2*.

Fishing was interrupted by a mayday call and skipper Paul Crossman reached an upturned boat with three men clinging to the hull.

All were successfully rescued and later transferred to the RNLI lifeboat – lucky indeed since they were ill-prepared for boating in the Bristol Channel and, but for the speedy intervention of Paul and Russ, this might be appearing elsewhere in this paper.

A full report and a boat trip update will follow, more details are on our website.

RESULTS

May 22: 1st A Harris 11lb 12, 2nd M Langford 5lb 7oz, 3rd S Doble 5lb 50z, 4th R Green 3 lb 10z. June 26: 1st A Harris 8lb. July 3: 1st M Langford 24lb 6oz, 2nd A Harris 19lb 13oz. July 17: 1st K Sala 12lb 8oz, 2nd R Harding 10lb 12oz, 3rd G Morgan 2lb 2oz.

JC

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS COME TO THE FORE

SPECIAL Olympics Wales held its regional golf tournament last week at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

It was attended by golfers from all parts of Britain; the day started out with a little drizzle but brightened up in time for Jane Hutt AM to welcome all and open the tournament.

Jane has been a great support over many years and we wish to thank her for her continued support, it was also great to see the support given by St Andrews Major GC members who turn out to caddy and act as scorers for the golfers, which is much appreciated.

The tee off was by golf professional John Hasting who also coaches the golfers, based at St Andrews Major GC. We would like to also thank John for his support and coaching.

After the golf, we all sat down to a meal supplied by McGraths catering which was enjoyed by all.

The 18-hole competition was won by Warren Clark (Surrey), second place Sam Lazenbury (Barry) and third place Matthew Sims (Cardiff).

Nine-hole Division 1 was won by Matthew Prewett (Barry) then we had three golfers on the same score so on count back it was second Creg Friend (Surrey), third Mark Eveleigh (Barry) and fourth James Savory (Barry).

Nine hole Division 2 was won by Gareth Lloyd (Barry) with Elliott Lee (West Midlands) in second place and Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) third place.

Jeff Savory, chair of Special Olympics Wales, said that he had received many comments from the golfers and families on how welcoming and helpfully the club and its members were. We all look forward to returning next year.

JS

Brian Lee's Blast From the Past – looking back at 1991

THE GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the past 50 years, takes another look at his press cuttings book for 1991.

'*Rocky Prince* is cheered home' read the heading for my report that went on to say: "The biggest crowd in 21 years was treated to a 10-race programme at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases at St Hilary, where the loudest cheers of the day were for *Rocky Prince,* an eight-year-old brown gelding which finished alone in a division of an incident-packed maiden race.

'*Rocky Prince*, a former inmate of Milton Bradley's Chepstow yard, is trained by Ynysybwl's David Gibbs, who owns the horse in partnership with his father-in-law Gwynne Jones.

'*Rocky Prince*, confidently ridden by Kevin Cousins – who celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday, took up the running shortly after half-way and was leading the field when those trying to catch him either fell or were brought down.'

Sixteen-year-old Gwent schoolboy Guy Lewis followed his father's advice and notched up his sixth winner in just 14 rides when landing the adjacent on *Channel Pastime*. Told to take up the running three from home Guy, who is the leading rider in the Daily Telegraph Novice Riders Championship, did just that and went on to win by three lengths from *Solar's Pride*.

For the record, the opening members' race was won by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn, who had an easy win on *Treble Chance*. The first division of the restricted went to *Good Holidays* who, ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer, won by 20 lengths from *April Rain*.

Division two went to *Harwall Queen* and Pip Nash, and the ladies' open race was won by *Creeping Jane* and Debra Smith. Fourteen runners faced the starter for the men's open race and first past the post was *Brown Rifle* which, partnered by Philip Mathias from Tenby, won by three lengths from *JustTheWayYouAre*.

Closest finish of the day came in division one part one of the maiden, in which Tim Rooney, riding *News Review,* got home by a neck from the favourite *Bartondale* ridden by Paul Hamer.

Philip Mathias made it a double when winning part one of division two of the maiden aboard *Country Festival* and Gavin Hughes made all on Dillwyn Thomas's *Daisy Miller* to take part two of division two of the maiden.

ACE LLEWELLYN IN GREAT FORM

'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a brilliant four-timer at the South Pembrokeshire Hunt point-to-point steeplechases. Llewellyn won on *Harwal Queen* (members), *Woodlawn* (maiden division one), *Gold Shot* (men's open), and *Parkbride* (restricted open).

Ruth Morgan scored her first win in the second division of the maiden on *Clover Express*, who finished six lengths ahead of *Jack Sound*. Sally Lewis took the ladies' open on *Premon's Last* which scored by three lengths from *Fort Captain*.'

TUDOR'S FIRST TREBLE

'Jonathan Tudor, of Bridgend, landed his first treble at the Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases with *Andrea's Boy* in the members' race, *St Helen's Boy* in the men's open and *Glam Grams Best* in the owners' race. Debbie Smith took the ladies' open for the third year running on *Creeping Jane*, the odds-on favourite, who scored by seven lengths from *GW Superman*. Simon Jones won the first division of the maiden on *April Rain* and Tim Jones the second division on *Good Holidays*.

'The adjacent hunts race went to Sparkling Lord which was ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer, which beat Tudor's mount *Dewliner* by ten lengths.'

If you thought conditions were bad at Ystradowen for the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point earlier this year, then next time I will tell you about the time gale force winds and heavy rain forced officials to abandon a meeting after just three races.

Only two bookmakers turned up – and who could blame them – and owners and trainers decided to keep their horses in their boxes.

You can e-mail your point-to-point stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

Six new 3G pitches

THE Vale Cabinet has given the go ahead to develop six new all-weather 3G sports pitches at the Colcot Sports Centre.

A total of £614,000 of funding has been made available to finance facilities, which include four five-a-side pitches and two seven-a-side pitches.

The development of further smaller 3G pitches, in support of the pitch development at Jenner Park by the council last year, will increase playing opportunities for clubs and schools across the Vale.

Colcot Sports Centre was chosen as the best location to create the new pitches, due to the available space and close proximity to a number of schools.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure services, said: "Following the success of the all-weather pitch at Jenner Park, I'm pleased that we are in a position to announce our commitment to invest in a further six 3G pitches to support sports development in the Vale.

"We want more people to take part in sporting activities and the development of additional 3G pitches will make it easier for people to get involved in all weather conditions."

Swim sprint meet draws competitors from across Wales

ON Saturday, July 16, the Barry Amateur Swimming Club held its Cardiff Bay Sprint Meet at the Cardiff International Pool in Cardiff Bay.

This was the 28th gala in the series which was originally set up by Brian Hardwicke as 'The GRE Sprint Meet' in the Cogan Pool, Penarth over a weekend in July. This has now become a highly regarded one-day event.

Our youngest age group competes for the 'Rowland Jones Cup' which is awarded to the nine-year-old boy or girl swimmer who gains the highest point score for the four single-stroke 50m events.

Rowland Jones was chairman of our local area for many years before his sudden death.

Similarly, the 'Brian Hardwicke Cup' is awarded to the best overall 12 year-old swimmer. Brian was chairman of the Welsh ASA for several years as well as chairman of our local area for some time too.

There were many Welsh clubs competing from as far as Aberaeron and Tenby, Tredegar and Blaenafon. We were also very glad to welcome some swimmers from Penarth as they've been unable to attend this competition in recent years.

The best nine-year-old swimmer, who won the Rowland Jones Cup, was James Ardern from Tenby and District Club. He won with a top score of 40 points overall, having won all four of his races!

The Brian Hardwicke Cup was won by 12-year-old Katie Davies with a grand total of 38 points. Congratulations to both swimmers.

Following the 50m sprint races in all four competition strokes, the top 10 girls and boys in each age group are invited to swim in an individual medley race, when each first place winner earns a cash prize.

I'd like to congratulate the following Barry swimmers who did very well – Aaron Belby who came in eighth overall, and many congratulations to Thomas Pugh who won a couple of his races and was very nearly first overall in his age-group with 35 points.

Congratulations also to David Youngs and Cian Ralphs who were placed.

We had more girls competing than boys and we congratulate Nia Thomas and Aimee Jefferson, who were all placed in the 11-year-old group. Lauren Whittaker was well placed in the 12 year old swimmers as were Seren Russell, and Caitlin Williams in the 13 year old competitors.

Also, Nia Fuller was placed in the 14 year age group and many congratulations to Bethan Williams, who came top of the 16-and-over age-group competitors!

We now look forward to the 29th Cardiff Bay Sprint Gala to be held on July 15 next year. **SB**

THE BARRY RFC LOTTERY DRAW

LAST week's lucky numbers were 13, 16, 17 and 22, which once again failed to find a winner; this week's prize will be £2,280. AJ

Ellis lands three wickets as Athletic earns another win

LAST Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Ebbw Vale with the start delayed until 2.45pm.

They won the toss and ask Ebbw Vale to bat first on a misty gloomy afternoon.

Ebbw Vale clocked up 122 for 8 in their 30 overs with C. Wallace (19), D. Blake (19) and N. Pepper (18 not out); Shea Ellis (3 for 12) and Steve Provis (2 for 25), were the main wicket takers for Barry.

In reply Barry started like a train and had 58 on the board before they lost the wicket of David Goodway for a fine 38.

This brought Nathan Baker to the wicket and Baker (35 not out) and Gavin White (26 not out) saw Barry home to another win and 19 points.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Whitchurch Heath at the Athletic Ground, Barry Island, and notched up a fine score of 197 for 5 with M. Anwar (68) and the ever-reliable Lee Morgan (58 not out) starring, with A White taking 2 for 31 and R. Hopcroft 2 for 35.

In reply Whitchurch Heath were 186 all out, with G. Lucey 67 not out; M. Anwar (3 for 21) and Paul Murphy (2 for 26) were the main wicket takers as the team earned a second win for returning captain Ashley Baker.

This weekend Barry Athletic first XI entertain second place Brecon, with the second XI travelling the short distance to Dinas Powys. **MR**

Wins for John and Evan

VALE trainers John Flint and Evan Williams had plenty to smile about last week.

At Bath, John Flint saw his eight-year-old Bernisdale, the oldest horse to face the starter in the C&I SouthWest Limited Handicap over one mile and six furlongs, come home one-and-three-quarter lengths ahead of Lady Hare at odds of 8-1 and at Worcester's evening meeting, Evan Williams' In On The Act, a 5-1 chance, won by a neck from Sailors Warn in the Cotswold Scaffolding Handicap Hurdle.

Daniel Muscutt was aboard Bernisdale and stable jockey Paul Moloney rode In On The Act.

BRIAN LEE

Bridgend Bridge Club news report

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, July 13: First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan; Second, Alan Heath and Rob Forman; Third, Geoff Barnes and Peter Bugden. The winners on handicap were Alan Heath and Rob Forman.

Thursday, July 14: First, David Newman and Stuart Davies; Second Francis Heslin and Dee Finch; Third, Leila O'Hagan and Dylis Bowser. The winners on handicap were David Newman and Stuart Davies.

Friday, July 15: First, Simon and Debbie Richards; Second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; Third, Colin and Hazel Heard. The winners on handicap were Simon and Debbie Richards.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm also at Nolton Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions when advice is readily available on bidding.

Following the success of this year's lessons there will be another course starting on Thursday, September 8 at 11.30am at Nolton Church Hall.

These are suitable for complete beginners, or for those who have played either bridge or whist in the past and want to start playing again and to further their knowledge of this fascinating game.

For further information about this friendly club and its activities please contact Steve Burgoyne (01656 661958), John Evans (01656 880372) or David Newman (01656 649138). **DN**

A tricky week for Millwood

TAKING the evening trip to Penarth for this latest round of the Munro Cup, Millwood soon found themselves facing a Penarth side not ready to show any signs of making this an easy game to win.

After the first four ends had been played, Penarth had taken a 16-8 shot lead, which soon after became a 31-17 substantial lead by the time the eighth end had been played.

If Millwood were to make any impact on the game, Penarth squashed any ideas of a comeback for at the 13th end where Millwood found themselves even further behind, trailing by 53 shots to 37.

The final ends did see Millwood snatch back a few shots, but too little to make any significant change to the outcome of the game.

A word of thanks, however, to Millwood rink 5 for their contribution, a 17-shot win, which did make the final score a bit more respectable, although Penarth ran out winners by a 17-shot margin, 50-67.

Well played, Penarth, and thanks for the welcome given to Millwood and the after-game hospitality shown.

Millwood welcomed Barry Romilly for this Division 4 game with both sides hoping to win this keenly contested game.

Romilly soon settled into the game for after the fifth end, Romilly had taken a four-shot advantage to lead by 16 –20.

On completion of the 10th end, the game had swung even further away from Millwood for them to be trailing by nine shots at 33-42.

Could Millwood do anything to counteract the balance the way the game was going?

On the 15th end, the answer was no, for Romilly had now opened up a massive 19 shot gap to lead by 42 shots to 61.

As much as Millwood tried, things did not look any better, for on completion of the 21st and final end, Romilly had increased their lead to run out worthy winners by a margin of 33 shots to win 57-90. **BH**

Bridgend DFC family fun day

SATURDAY, July 30 will see Bridgend DFC host its first 'family fun day' at Minerva Street Playing Fields, Bridgend.

The day is about raising money and awareness for our disabled and mental health football teams; the money will help with news kits and transport to tournaments.

On the day there will be a charity five-a-side football tournament, bouncy castles, stalls, refreshments and much more, so please come along and support our good cause!

For more information contact Kelly Hall on 07498 505228.

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News from Porthcawl Bridge Club

LATEST club results:

Saturday, July 2 - First – Trish Saunders & Janet Richards; Second – Dil Evans & Roger Draper. Thursday, July 7 - First – Tony Haworth & Keith Davison; Second – Gary Williams & Pat Haworth.

Saturday, July 9 - First – John Beard & Tony Haworth; Second – Colin & Hazel Heard. Thursday, July 14 - First – Trish Saunders & Pat Cogbill; Second – Rob Charlesworth & John Beard.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday, at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm-9.45pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

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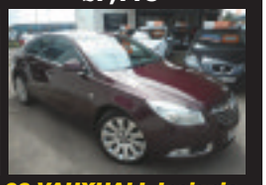

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Sun and stiff breezes on captain's day

A captain's day meeting recently hosted by Southerndown Golf Club for the members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society that was extremely well supported for Sigginstone resident and society captain Geraint Davies.

Invited back as the guest of the day was John Hibberd, a founder member of the society who moved away from the area in 1992 and who was to later recall the many happy memories he has from his time as a member.

Also invited to the evening's presentation ceremony were other founder members that for various reasons no longer participate in the monthly competitions.

These included life member Gwyn Evans, John Lee, Arwyn John and Ross Farr together with honorary members Gino Cocco and Graham Walker.

Those competing enjoyed warm sunshine but also quite a strong breeze, which proved quite a hazard resulting in 93 balls being lost to the gorse bushes that border the majority of fairways on this cliff top course resulting in below average scores being returned.

Leading the field at the end of the day with 30 Stableford points included John Hibberd, Dan Jarvis, Coun Ray Thomas and treasurer for the day Reg Davies.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Brian Jones, Gareth Perkins, Geraint Davies and Dan Jarvis, who also hit the longest drive down the 18th fairway to collect the longest drive prize.

Captain Geraint correctly guessed the high number of balls that would fail to return home which resulted in £100 being collected for the British Diabetics Society.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, at Langland Bay Golf Club and will be sponsored by Maes Glas Veterinary Group.

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Barrivale Bridge Club

results round-up

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 12:

1st Mark Roderick & Peter Millar 62.25%; 2nd Mia Deschepper & Tim Barsby 62.00%; 3rd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 59.08%. Mia Deschepper and Tim Barsby won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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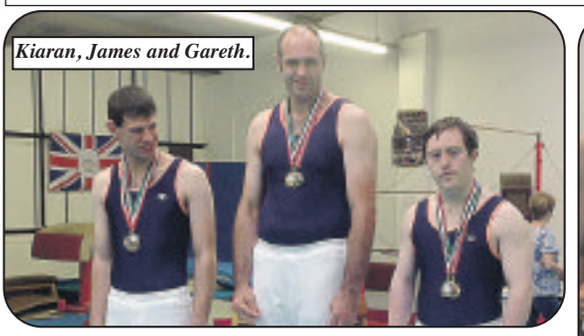
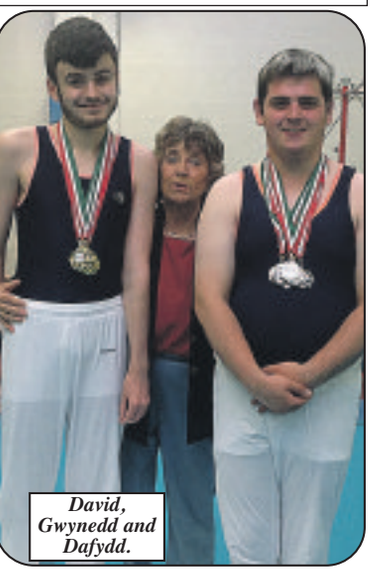


Kiaran, James and Gareth.



David, Gwynedd and Dafydd.

GYMNASTS from all round Wales competed at the Special Olympics Wales Regional Artistic Gymnastics Competition, which was held at the Penarth Gymnastics Club in Barry.

We started with the boys followed by the girls and both gave us a wonderful display of what can be achieved with some hard work and dedication.

Level B was won by Alysha Martin Smith and in second place Daisy Darley both from Haverfordwest GC. Level 2 girls was won by Gemma Bowie Hallam from Pembrokeshire Special Needs GC.

Level 3 girls, with a high quality display of their work, was won by Adele Bevan with her clubmate Lydia James coming second – both of these gymnasts are from Pembrokeshire SNGC.

On to the boys/men group, and boys' level 1 was won by Leon Davies from PSNGC, second Jake Morgan Haverfordwest and third Joshua Critten PSNGC.

Division 1 men's places were taken by the gymnasts from Penarth Gymnastics Club – in first place David Melly, whose work has been improving all year, and who has now won the Welsh Gymnastics and Special Olympics Wales titles for his level followed by Daffyd Williams in second place.

Men's division 2 was won by Gareth Lloyd followed closely by James Savory and third place Kiaran Parson – these three men have been at the top of disability gymnastics for many years now and are continuously changing positions.

Jeff Savory, chair of Special Olympics Wales, stated that the work these gymnasts produce week after week is a credit to themselves, to Penarth Gymnastics Club and their disability section, overseen by Mrs Gwynedd Lingard, for the work that the dedicated volunteer coaching staff do.

Special Olympics Wales would like to thank Penarth Gymnastics Club for allowing us to use their great facility – which is on Ty Verlon Estate, Barry – all judges and volunteers who helped the competition to run so smoothly.

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Tae Kwon Do father and son win black belts

FATHER and son Lee and Luke Treadwell proudly became British Tae Kwon Do-sanctioned 1st Dan black belts from Cowbridge Tae Kwon Do.

The exam was conducted under the watchful eye of Master Paul Stone 6th Dan, and held by the newly established UTF Welsh Tae Kwon Do grading panel, following the rules and regulations of the national governing body for British Tae Kwon Do.

Adding to the pressure, the two-hour exam was conducted at the Welsh Institute of Sport Cardiff, the home of Tae Kwon Do Cymru and Elite Welsh Tae Kwon Do.

Their achievement was also witnessed by their proud instructor, Master Simon Griffiths 4th Dan and vice chairman of Tae Kwon Do Cymru.

Both students train at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm to 8pm; Lee and Luke are in the process of opening their own club within the Cowbridge area.

For further information on Welsh Tae Kwon Do, from beginner to elite competitor, you can visit Master Simon Griffiths 4th Dan on Wednesdays at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

SG

News from Cowbridge RFC

THE first training session for the forthcoming season took place last Thursday and the coaches would have been pleased with the attendance.

Several old faces made an appearance along with some very welcome new players. Training continues on Thursdays – on the police field at the moment – with a couple of Saturday sessions on the dunes still to be confirmed.

Other dates for the diary include the Tondu sevens on August 6 and the pre-season club social at the Athletic Club on Saturday, August 13 from 3pm with a BBQ and live band.

A reminder that club membership is due from August 1; see Rob Vaughan or Richard Killick at the club on Thursday evenings or Saturday afternoons.

Also lists are on the club noticeboard for tickets for the autumn internationals. Anyone requiring tickets should ensure they have their names down before the end of July.

RV/RK

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

The ladies had two tough two rink Evening League games this last week both away; in between these, one home Thursday afternoon League game.

In the first game, played at St Fagans, Cowbridge had a good win on one rink, but lost on the other.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Shirley Wilkinson, Dorothy Pritchard and Kay Edwards 21-14; Sian Lewis, Carol Davies, Phyllis Price and Sylvia Hole 6-26.5. Match score: Cowbridge 27, St Fagans 40. 5.

For the home game on Thursday, Cowbridge were hosts to the Millwood Club from Barry. Cowbridge's win was comprehensive and maximum points gained.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Helena Snelling, Sylvia Hole and Joan Bradley 25-9; Lynda Wilson, Corrie Bufton, Pat Holdsworth and Shirley Wilkinson 19-10; Lin Wallace, Phyllis Price, Diane Lloyd and Kay Edwards 16-9. Match score: Cowbridge 60, Millwood 28.

On Friday the ladies left a murky Cowbridge late afternoon expecting their game at Barry Romilly to be cancelled.

Barry had better weather than Cowbridge that evening and although Cowbridge lost to Romilly, one rink was drawn.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Caryl Davies, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson 8-15; Lynda Wilson, Phyllis Price, Sylvia Hole and Joan Bradley 13-13. Match score: Cowbridge 21, Romilly 28.

Overall another good week with points earned in the three games.

The men made most of home advantage in their midweek Munro Cup game against Barry Central, and in so doing gained 14 points by winning on all 4 rinks.

Rink scores: Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 26-10; Gerry Lloyd, Peter Launder, Guy Morton and Dennis Snelling 24-10; Mansel Davey, John Collin, Ron Frayling and Bob Penn 31-6; Steve Dodsworth, Byron Richards, Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace 32-6. Match score: Cowbridge 113, Barry Central 32.

Next up, for the men, was a league game at home to St Albans from Cardiff.

At the halfway stage, St Albans were leading on three of the rinks and in the final stages it looked as though the visitors would win.

But on the 21st and last end, Roger Barwick's team picked up a 5, Clive Pritchard's rink picked up a 4 and Norman Wilkinson's team picked up a 5.

Although Cowbridge won on two of the rinks, it was the 21st end that proved to be decisive. A home win for Cowbridge and 10 much-needed points

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd. Rob Lewis, Brian Williams and Roger Barwick 11-26; Mansel Davey, Dennis Snelling, Bryan Hole and Bob Penn 28-12; Brian Kent, Byron Richards, Guy Morton and Clive Pritchard 32-15; Terry Dunsworth, John Jones, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 19-26. Match score: Cowbridge 90, St Albans 79.

This was a better week for the men who will, this Saturday, welcome Taffs Well, the league leaders, to Cowbridge.

MB

Second-place for Cowbridge ping-pong pupils

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive pupils David Avery of year 8 and Morgan Day-Davies of year 7 were part of a three-person team representing the Vale at the Gemau Cymru Table Tennis Competition on Saturday, July 2, at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff.

The Vale finished second and won a silver medal. The competition was made up of 10 different regions from all over Wales.

This was a great achievement by the players involved. Well done David and Morgan!

The grass proves greener for bowlers

WEDNESDAY'S Munro Cup game for Llantwit Major mens bowlers was against local club Rhoose, which found it difficult playing on grass, losing on all rinks, 88-46.

Graham Jones' rink started slowly, not getting into gear until the sixth end when they drew level. After this they won the next six ends to go eight up; Rhoose only won another two ends, losing by 12 shots.

Kyle Garrison's rink took a 11-shot lead after only five ends with Ian Williamson making a great contribution; Llantwit continued to score well to win by 14 shots.

Neville Young's rink led from the start, just keeping their noses in front until the 11th end after which they took the next five ends to go 16 shots ahead. Rhoose came back on the final two ends to reduce the deficit to 10 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were one shot in front after the sixth end. Llantwit then had a good spell, picking another nine shots over the next five ends. The rest of the game was pretty even with Llantwit winning by six shots.

Llantwit travelled to Ynysangharad (Pontypridd) for their league fixture; the day did not start well with the bus arriving 30 minutes late, and worse was to follow with Llantwit being beaten 92-76.

Graham Jones' rink had a wonderful start, taking a lead of nine shots after only three ends with lead Bert Colling having an excellent game. Llantwit kept ahead to notch up Llantwit's only winning rink by 11 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were four shots up on the sixth end, but a score of five against them on the next end put them behind. Llantwit recovered to go six shots up by the 14th end, but faltered on the final four ends, letting in the opposition to catch them and tie the game.

Neville Young's rink had a poor game, well below their normal form, with only Adrian Woods coming out with any credit.

Llantwit were 20 shots down by the ninth end with the Llantwit skip giving them five shots on one end. Llantwit had a better spell after tea but still finished 19 shots adrift.

Charles Hiscock's rink were behind until the 10th end when they drew level; the opposition soon regained the lead which they held to win by eight shots.

NY

BAD AFTERNOON FOR LADY BOWLERS

ON Tuesday Llantwit Major lady bowlers travelled to Bridgend Municipal for another round of the Cowbridge Shield.

It was not a good afternoon for the Llantwit ladies, losing on two of the three rinks. Our winning rink was Kay Johnes, Marilyn Gomma, Etta Gray and Margaret Morgan.

Taking the lead on the eighth end, they kept on rolling to the end, winning 22-11.

Liz Crouch, Naomi Baelz, Julie Molloy and Dilys Hurley lost the lead on the ninth end losing 12-19, while Edna Hardie, Margaret Morgan, Carol Willmot and Helen Nixon never got to grips with the green and lost 6-28.

On Thursday, we travelled to Cadoxton, a beautiful green overlooking Barry town.

Unfortunately, it was unlucky 13 for Marilyn Gomma, Margaret Morgan, Etta Gray and Marian Lewis – they were 12-5 up but, Cadoxton came back and won 12-14.

Naomi Baelz, Margaret Morgan, Helen Tilley and Carol Willmot trailed until the 10th end when they finally went in the lead and won comfortably, 25-11.

Liz Crouch, Mo Andrews, Dilys Hurley and Julie Molloy also had a comfortable game; going in the lead on the eighth end they won 22-12. Well done ladies.

CW

Chess open competition is closed for business!

AFTER seven days and 10 rounds of concentration, this year's South Wales International Open is over.

For the Barry Chess Club there were some high points and some not-so-high points.

Nigel Ralphs was our best performer. He started the competition seeded 25.

Nigel turned in a couple of outstanding results. He defeated the English player Steven Jones who has a FIDE rating of 2186.

Even more impressingly Nigel drew with top seed, Hjorvar Gretarsson of Iceland. Hjorvar ended the competition with a score of 8/10. He only dropped four halves with a bye and three draws. Nigel was the only non-GM to earn a draw against him.

Nigel finished with a score of 6/10 to finish in equal eighth place. He earned the accolades of being the lowest ranked player to finish this high and was the top scoring Welsh player.

Lee Davis and Matthew Parry started the competition seeded 30th and 32nd respectively. While neither player threatened to achieve the success of Nigel, my initial feeling was they could have done better.

However, they both ended the tournament with 4.5/10 and finished equal 29th so perhaps their performances were not as bad as I originally thought.

Finally, there was Stephen Bonutto. Following on from his excellent draw with Juan Rodriguez, Stephen also drew with Dai James, Bob Hurn and Hiya Ray; he also defeated John Cox.

All of these players were seeded above Stephen, so his final score was a creditable and unexpected 3.5/10. He was seeded to finish 54th out of 58 but managed to claw his way up to 43rd.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones